

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 5, 2018

Palestine Board of Trustees met on July 5, 2018, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Tim McDaniel, J.R. Dunlap, Mary Michael, Gene Purcell, George Harrison and Brian Nethery.

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

Visitors present: Steve Meadows, Larry Surrells, Larry Miller, Twilla Davis & Mother, Michael Fulling, Vicki Perkins 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 June 7, 2018, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Discussion/Approval of PDA first right of rentals tabled from June Meeting – Palestine Development Association, Larry Surrells, Re: Pavilion Rental. J.R. Dunlap made a motion to pull this off the table. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

When all the work is complete, the PDA will formally transfer the pavilion over to the Village. In the meantime, the Village will be responsible for taking care of rental of the pavilion. The cost to be determined by the Village.

Gene Purcell made a motion that the pavilion be held in reserve for the PDA and Palestine Chamber of Commerce for Labor Day Weekend and Wine & Arts Festival Weekend at no cost to them. This would include the use of the Community Facility. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Steve Meadows-Horseshoes & Main. Steve addressed the Board asking if we might be interested in his idea to set up a pole and folks could put horseshoes on. He has about 24 horseshoes to start with. This would be to bring “good luck” to folks who hug it or put a horseshoe on it. It might even go on social media and bring folks in to our Village to see it. The Board wanted to think about this some more and maybe come up with an idea where to put the pole. It will be brought up for approval at the next Board meeting.

2. Official Approval for Phone Poll-Holly Inboden’s request for permission to have a bounce house on Main Street in front of Bistro on Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Gene Purcell moved to formally approve the request. George Harrison seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and Approval Ordinance to Borrow. This approval was for the loan we received for the demolition of the Matteson building on Main Street in the amount of \$70,000, signed by Mayor Byrley and the Village Clerk, Shirley Adams. J.R. Dunlap moved that we approve Ordinance 2018-O-08 (Ordinance to Borrow). Brian Netherly seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and Approval of Ordinance for the Regulation of an Application for Small Wireless Facilities – Enacted by the Illinois General Assembly – Public Act 100-0585. Effective June 1, 2018 – See copy of proposed Ordinance. J.R. Dunlap made a motion that we approve Ordinance 2018-O-09 for the Regulation of an Application for Small Wireless Facilities. Motion was seconded by George Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion only – USDA Rural Development has funding available (\$8 million) for upgrading existing sewer lagoons in the State of Illinois; the funding is 3.25% over a 20-38 year term, depending on each Municipality. Kathy will give an update as to whether we need an upgrade at this time. Kathy felt her biggest need would be for an upgrade for our storm drainage system for storm water runoff. She might be interested in aeration for the lagoon but that would require EPA approval.

6. Approval of Palestine Chamber of Commerce to request for Beer License for Labor Day Beer Tent – August 30, 2018 to September 3, 2018 - from 12:00 PM TO 1:00 AM. J.R. moved that we approve the Chamber's request. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion carried with five for and one against the motion (George Harrison).

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark.

Another washout was discovered in the 100 block of W. Grand Prairie. The DPW packed it with earth and road pack and finished with 6" of high early concrete within 24 hours.

Next project, when Mitchell has time, is the sewer manhole raises.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeff Besing.

Chief Besing participated in the Holiday Seat Belt/Distracted Driving/DUI Enforcement detail and issued 10 traffic citations for seat belt violations. He also had one domestic all, 1 prowler call and a few "fireworks" calls.

The Chief has sent out several applications for employment for an officer. They have until July 20th to return the applications.

The new squad car is ordered and will be ready for delivery around the 3rd week of September. The majority of the cost will be covered by a grant and with the sale of our Ford Crown Victoria.

Chief Besing has been keeping track of the drug money/vehicle seizures since April of 2013 and we have seized appx. \$6,000 in drug money and proceeds from drug vehicles. Additionally, we will have received appx. \$95,384 in grant funds and private donations since April of 2013. The Chief thanked Pat for helping him with writing the grants over the past five years. She is currently working on another grant for \$8,000 for additional equipment for the new squad which will bring us to \$103,384 if awarded.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – JULY - GENE PURCELL

FYI: Copy of Ordinance No. 2018-O-07 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 32, Business Regulations, Section 32.03 (b) MUSIC, is enclosed with packet.

FYI: Update on Railroad crossing closing. The Railroad is wanting to close the crossing by the water tower.

FYI: Fall Clean-up: October 17, 18, and 19, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Carol Holbert will be here on July 30 & 31 to begin the FY 2018 audit.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. Issued permits for a fence and a garage.

Employee Relations Committee: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. FOIA/OMA Certifications are complete.

Ordinance Committee: Pat Schofield.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Dave Maxwell will be working on them as money is available.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman.

Motion to convene into Executive Session made by J.R. Dunlap at 7:02 PM, for the purpose of:
1. Section 2(C) (21) Semi-Annual Review of Minutes from Executive Sessions. 2. 2(C) (1) OMA Grievance 3. 2(C) (8) Safety-specifically dilapidated buildings. Motion seconded by George Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Session reconvened at 7:42 PM. The consensus was that the Executive Session Minutes for the past six months (February 1 and June 7, 2018) be allowed to be put in the Regular Minute book for public viewing.

With no further business to discuss J.R. Dunlap moved to adjourn. George Harrison seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK