

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 2, 2015

Palestine Board of Trustees met on July 2, 2015, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were George Harrison, Ricky Stork, J.R. Dunlap, Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell and Tim McDaniel.

Staff Members present: Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, Shirley Adams, Village Clerk, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent and Tanner Miller.

Visitors present: Jim Kent, Bret and Sarah Calloway, 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 June 4, 2015, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Approval of Ordinance to deliver executed deed to LaMotte Township for Food Pantry site. George Harrison moved that we approve the Ordinance (#2015-O-03). Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Matteson Properties:

208 S. Main St. – Met with attorney. This will be discussed in Executive Session.

Rush St. – Property has been demolished-awaiting owner to cleanup. The neighbors have been complaining and upset that the mess hasn't been taken care of. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that Mayor Schofield write a letter to Mr. Matteson giving him 30 days to clean it up or we will take it to court. A copy of the letter will go to our attorney.

3) Update – YICAN Property – Met with attorney – Pending court action. Will discuss this in Executive Session.

4) Discussion and Approval of Ordinance to Vacate Alley – Grimes Addition Alley. A motion was made by J.R. Dunlap to vacate the Grimes Addition Alley. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion passes unanimously. The Ordinance will be # 2015-O-04.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approve 2015 Prevailing Wage Ordinance – Gene Purcell moved to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance (# 2015-O-05). Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Approve Chamber of Commerce request for Beer Tent – Labor Day Weekend. Jim Kent was present to represent the Chamber in this request. J.R. Dunlap made a motion that the Village approve the Chamber's request for the Beer Tent on Labor Day Weekend. Ricky Stork seconded

motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Officially Approve Phone Poll – to pay Tanner Miller during his National Guard duty. George Harrison made a motion that the Village pay Tanner while on National Guard duty. Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. Tanner was present at the meeting and thanked the Board for allowing this.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

The alley at the new meat market has been readied for chip and seal.

Kathy reported that it has been 8 business days since she sent chip and seal project revisions to Kintner and she has heard nothing back as of this date. She is hoping they advise her of an approximate start date. It was suggested that she might get in touch with Ambraw Asphalt if she doesn't hear from Kintner soon.

New stop signs are being installed and catalogued. Although she received stop and speed limit signs, we received no yield signs.

New warning signs are in for the lagoon fence.

A tree fell on 2 sections of fence during a storm. Waiting for Joe Beard to schedule the repairs.

REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

Chief Besing reported that we received \$14,277 from the Mary Heath grant that he applied for. With that money, we purchased 3 new digital Tasers and accessories and 2 in-car video and audio camera systems for the squad cars. One has been installed in Officer Carpenter's squad and the other was shipped to the dealership that is building our new squad for installation.

We have received over \$53,500 in grant monies and donations in the past 2 ½ years. This money benefits our department by updating and adding new equipment (some which are mandated) without impacting our yearly budget.

We are hoping to receive the new squad car sometime this month.

Chief Besing has a court date on the 16th regarding our latest seized vehicle and once that is finalized, we will be looking to sell the two seized vehicles and the Nitro once the new squad arrives and the statutory time periods expire on the seized vehicle.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – JULY – GENE PURCELL

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. June Financials were handed out. Our 2014-2015 Audit was conducted on June 11th and 12th. Carol will report on this at a later Board Meeting.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Everyone is up to date.

Ordinance Committee: Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: J.R. Dunlap, Chairman. Rob Byrley will be taking the position of Chairman of this Committee as J.R. is stepping down.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman.

At 6:40 PM, Tim McDaniel moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of:

2(C) (21) Review of Executive Session Minutes for six months.

2(C) (11) Possible Litigation – Matteson Property – 208 S. Main St.

2(C) (11) Possible Litigation – YICAN Property – Foreclosure, etc.

J.R. Seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to go back into General Session was made by Rick Stork at 7:05 PM. Motion seconded by J.R. Dunlap. Motion carried unanimously.

J.R. Dunlap moved that the Executives Minutes from July 3, 2014, and December 4, 2014, be released for public view. George Harrison seconded Motion; motion carried unanimously.

Other business:

Leon Parker is building a home that is going to be on skids. It was the consensus of the Board that he would be required to get a building permit due to the fact that he will be hooked up to electric, water, and sewer service.

Received a request from Marie Garrard on behalf of the Junior Football League to block off the 300 block of Main St. on July 25th for a fund raiser. The consensus was to grant her request.

J.R. said the Fish Fry and Car Show will be held on Friday, August 21, from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. This is a fund raiser for the lighting of the park. He requested that we block off Main St. to Harrison for this event as we did last year. Consensus was to grant his request.

Ricky Stork mentioned that the annual membership drive for the AmVets will be on Sept. 26th. This will be on August agenda to discuss.

Ricky Stork said he and Rob Byrley have been discussing the issues we are having with the Indiana Railroad. The main one is that the railroad is frequently blocking all three streets (Lincoln, Main, and Pike) for extended lengths of time. They will research this further and report on it next month. Kathy Clark said she has received word that the railroad is definitely going to put crossing guards on the Lincoln Street crossing.

With no further business to discuss, J.R. Dunlap moved to adjourn. Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK

