

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 7, 2017

Palestine Board of Trustees met on September 7, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, J.R. Dunlap, Mary Michael, and Brian Nethery. Gene Purcell was absent.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Pat Schofield, Village Consultant, Kathy Clark, DPW Supervisor, Twilla Davis, DPW Employee, and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Francis Murphy 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 August 3, 2017, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) UPDATE: Discussion of Swimming Pool Ordinance. Mayor Rob spoke with our attorney and he said there is no Illinois statute anymore requiring fences to be around pools. If we have a swimming pool ordinance, then that ordinance must be enforced. It is better not to have an ordinance if we do not enforce it. A discussion was held whether to modify our current ordinance or do away with it. Tim McDaniel made a motion that we follow the states lead and do away with our current Swimming Pool Ordinance. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) UPDATE: Condemnation Proceedings on the Matteson Building. The Mattesons did not comply but did tear down some of the second story wall. The court date is Sept. 19th. Mayor Rob will take updated pictures of the back of the building to court.

3) Discussion and approve Radar Speed sign quotes. (Grant has been submitted.) It was suggested that we purchase the battery powered sign as it would be easier to move to different locations. George Harrison moved that we accept Quote N SO1438 from Elan City for the battery powered sign in the amount of \$2,724.00. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. Pat will get everything in order to apply for a grant for this purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Request from Holly Inboden for permission to have a Bounce House in front of the "Bistro" for a party on September 23rd from 1PM to 5PM. Mary Michael moved that we approve Holly Inboden's request. Barricades will be put up and street blocked off during this time. Brian Nethery seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discuss and approve where to place Abe. George, Tim and the Mayor will meet tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 8, 2017, at 1:00 PM in front of the Community Facility to decide where best to put the statue.

3) Discuss Vandevanter Engineering Contract, etc. Kathy said 2 impellers are heavily worn and need replaced. Vandevanter gave us two options and Kathy feels we should go with option one right now. George Harrison made a motion that we go with Option One – Replace the "N" Impeller Kits in both

pumps at the influent lift station. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discuss and approve a cell phone for Mayor Rob Byrley. Since becoming Mayor, Rob uses his cell phone for Municipality business daily and the flip phone he has is costing him an excessive amount. J.R. Dunlap made a motion that we allow the Mayor to obtain an updated phone & phone service that the Village will pay for. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Besing will check with Verizon and see if we can add a phone to our existing service. If so, the phone will be provided at no cost.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

With Jack having gone back to college and other circumstances, it was necessary to hire a seasonal employee. Personnel Committee met with Kathy and approved the hiring of Twilla Davis as a part-time employee.

The damage claim with KLLM Transport has been settled and reimbursement has been received.

The door frames are cracking and deteriorating on our 1997, 1 ton Chevy truck. Jim Clark repaired the driver's side door latch post after it fell into the door frame. Both doors are sagging and the frames are cracking. Jim has volunteered to repair the passenger side and the sag in both doors, before leaf season, if approved. The truck would be at his house for a couple of days. Kathy had a verbal quote from a body shop for the repairs for as much as \$900 per door. The Village would purchase the parts and Jim could make the repairs for considerably less money. It was the consensus of the Trustees to have Jim make the repairs.

Mosquito season is now over for the year.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

Labor Day weekend went extremely well with no accidents and no arrest for alcohol related offenses. Chief Besing thanked the DPW for helping with the barricades and use of the 4-wheeler. Using the 4-wheeler at the rodeo arena allowed his part-time officer to use the Chief's vehicle for patrolling.

Brandon and the Chief walked the parade route and passed out candy to the kids. The Chief received some very nice positive comments and compliments for being out there interacting with the kids and public in general.

The Chief said the fish fry/cruise in event was well attended and they encountered no problems at all.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – SEPTEMBER – J.R. DUNLAP

FYI: Copy of New Amended Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2017-O-07.

FYI: FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULES: Oct. 18, 19, & 20, 2017

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Carol Holbert is scheduled to be at the Oct. Board Meeting to present the results of our FY 2016-2017 audit. Shirley requests that the Employee Relations Committee take a new look at our Employee Handbook, for some revisions which might make some policies as fair to the Village as well as employees. If possible, we'd like to have a draft of suggested changes to present to the Board at the October Board Meeting.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Pat Schofield. Pat's worked on a new ordinance to amend Chapter 34 to add the Nano-Brewery. Draft was presented and it will be sent to our attorney for his review and input.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Dave has been working on repairs to designated sidewalks.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman.

Other Business:

Pat has submitted the application for a grant for the radar sign, which had to be received by Sept. 1st. We should be hearing from that in a few weeks. She is also working on two grants for the mosquito sprayer. The application for the Claypool Grant is due by Oct. 1st and the Heath Grant is due by November 1st. We are asking for \$7,000 from each as the mosquito sprayer will be around \$15,000.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK