

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 4, 2014

Palestine Board of Trustees met on December 4, 2014, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, George Harrison, Ricky Stork, J.R. Dunlap, Larry Miller and Rob Byrley.

Staff Members present: Patrolman Brandon Carpenter, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Len Daugherty, Peg Waggoner, Bob Taylor, and Jason Tiller (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 November 6, 2014, were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) Update on Lagoon Fence. After a slow start, due to staffing issues, the fence at the lagoon is coming along well. Pictures were presented to Board. They hope to be completed by the end of the year.
- 2) Update – Matteson Property – 205 N. Rush St. No update.
- 3) Update – Matteson Property – 415 S. Main St. No update.
- 4) Update – Matteson Property – 206-208 S. Main St. – Deterioration of Building. No answer on the Main Street property. They want to talk with us.
- 5) Vacating Alley – UPDATE. Mayor Schofield has heard nothing. She does not believe it's going anywhere. We will be canvassing this again to make sure of the property owners' wishes.
- 6) Final Approval of Ordinance No. 2014-O-09 – Smoking Ordinance. J.R. Dunlap made a motion to accept the final approval of Ordinance No. 2014-O-09. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) December 2014 has been proclaimed DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH in the State of Illinois. (See attached proclamation). The proclamation was on the back of the letter, which was distributed to Board Trustees.
- 2) Report on Village of Palestine Caucus. Our caucus was held on Monday, December 1, 2014. Three candidates were nominated and the results were: Rob Byrley, 23 votes;

George Harrison, 20 votes; and Tim McDaniel, 14 votes.

3) Employee Christmas Party. The party will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

**DPW REPORT:** Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

Work is complete on the Verizon area sidewalk. Verizon has decided not to reimburse us for the drive at the tower. Earl Mills is trying to secure payment another way. Kathy will remain in touch with him.

The surface water drain in the alley behind Jim Ellis/Jim Goodwine will be started as soon as Mitchell's order of specially made concrete basins come in.

The township has promised to get the levee at the lagoon mowed before bad weather hits.

Kathy has been in touch with Justin Childress concerning sand for the Village. The cost for a 50/50 mix is \$83.40 per ton and we can obtain it as we need it. If we want 100%, it is \$162 per ton and we will have to wait for their new shipment during the middle of winter. The consensus was to go with the 50/50 mix and order some now to have on hand.

Vandevanter Engineering was here for their annual inspection and maintenance. They found some problems on two lift stations. Looks like we will have to purchase a new impeller.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

November was busy with traffic related incidents and also criminal related offenses and complaints.

Chief Besing has prepared an informational letter to give to residents who are not complying with the new "trash can" ordinance, informing them that enforcement of the ordinance will begin January 1, 2015.

Their efforts of speed enforcement on the curve at the entrance to town has been effective and motorists are slowing down as they come into town around the curve.

## **PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – NOVEMBER – J.R. DUNLAP**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. November financials were given to Trustees. The final Property Tax disbursements have been received.

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. There was only one building permit last month.

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

**FOIA Officers:** Shirley Adams, Chairman

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

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** J.R. Dunlap, Chairman. Jay Wilson has complained of a problem with his driveway. Gene is going to look at it further and revisit it.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Ricky Stork, Chairman. Kathy Clark is training Tanner on completing monthly reports of the lagoon.

Other business:

Bob Taylor told the Board that AmVets and the Fire Dept. are working on Toys for Tots.

Larry Miller presented a letter to the Board saying he feels “we need to establish some fairly specific criteria regarding non-mobile homes and/or structures.” He is personally against total condemnation except in the absolute and most extreme circumstance and believes there are other avenues the Village can take to get owners to take care of their property. He doesn’t know what those would be but would like further discussion on this issue.

There was an Executive Board Meeting held from 5:00 to 5:50 PM for the purpose of a general discussion on Streetscape, with no decisions or voting.

With no further business to discuss, Ricky Stork moved to adjourn. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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