

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 6, 2012

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on November 1, 2012, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, Larry Miller, Larry Surrells, J.D. Kimberlin and Greta Dennison.

Other Staff Members present: Police Chief Jim Clark, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Brett & Sarah Callaway, George Harrison, Rick Stork, Steve Stork, Larmar Schultz, Bob Taylor, Chris Forde (WTYE), and Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

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 1, 2012, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update of Matteson property-205 S. Rush St. Report on Interrogatories and request for production of documents. We have four pages of discoveries that we have to produce. We are working to have everything ready as requested.

2) Report from Personnel committee regarding the interview and hiring of a new Police Chief. The committee recommended that we hire Mr. Cheadle as our new Police Chief; however, he reconsidered and chose not to accept the offer. We are now in the process of running some ads in local newspapers in order to get new candidates for the position.

3) Discussion of Bassett Training Recommendation from IL Liquor Commission. Greta Dennison felt that Bassett Training was not necessary at this time since the State is considering mandating the training. It was the consensus of the Trustees that we do not recommend to bar and tavern owners that they get their servers certified. However, they are encouraged to continue training their employees.

4) Caucus Report – Candidates for Ballot in General Election – held on Monday, December 3, 2012. There were 42 residents present at the People's Party Caucus. Patricia Schofield was selected to run for re-election as Mayor. Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, and Rick Stork were selected to run for Trustees. They will be on the ballot in April 2013.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Formally approve Ordinance – Municipal Aggregation. Larry Miller moved to formally approve Ordinance 2012-O-15 “An Ordinance Establishing an Opt-Out Electricity Aggregation Program Approving the Village of Palestine’s Electricity Aggregation Program Plan of Operation and Governance. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Formally approve Resolution – Municipal Aggregation. J.D. Kimberlin moved to formally approve Ordinance 2012-O-16 “An Ordinance authorizing execution of a Service Agreement with the lowest responsible bidder for the supply of electricity for resident and small commercial retail customers who do not opt-out of such a program”. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Discussion of extending Ordinance – Section 41.23, Chapter 41, Traffic for Neighborhood Vehicles. Unless renewed, the ordinance will terminate on January 5, 2013. The trustees said they have had heard of no problems with them this past year and Jim Clark said he has received no complaints. Larry Surrells made a motion to extend the Ordinance for another year. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Formally approve Contract Extension for Tom Hose as Wastewater Operator for Six Months. This was approved earlier by phone poll. Larry Miller made a motion to formally approve the contract extension for six months. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Brett Callaway – Requesting Sunday Hours – 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM. Brett has requested that his establishment be allowed to have Sunday sales of alcohol from noon to 6:00 PM. Greta Dennison and JR Dunlap were not in favor of this but feel we can’t deny Brett his request since we’ve given approval to others for the same request. Larry Miller said we have to have a more level playing field. Larry Miller made a motion to approve Brett’s request for Sunday sales of alcohol from noon to 6:00 PM. J.D. Kimberlin seconded motion. Larry Miller, Greta Dennison, J.D. Kimberlin and J.R. Dunlap voted yea and Gene Purcell and Larry Surrells voted nay. Motion passed.
- 6) Approve Village participation in Christmas Trees on Main St. - \$200.00. Larry Surrells made a motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$200.00 to Fred McNair for participation in Christmas Trees J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7) Sign up of Trustees Schedule for opening Pioneer Room for 2013. Mayor Schofield passed around the sign-up sheet to the Trustees.
- 8) Posting of all the normal Board Meetings for the 2013 calendar year. Mayor Schofield handed out the new 2013 schedule of Board Meetings to Trustees and posted it.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Kathy was not present.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jim Clark. Some minor thefts occurred during the month.

PIONEER ROOM – DECEMBER – J.R. DUNLAP

REMINDER: Village Employees Christmas Party – Friday, December 7, 2012.
REMINDER: Need FOIA/OMA Certificates: On or before December 31, 2012.
Effective January 1, 2012, Public Act 97-504 requires certification for all elected officials – as per notice from the office of Illinois Attorney General.

FYI: First Christian Church has completed the sale of a lot to Harmon's Partners for a satellite drug store.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. We received our final Property Tax Distribution in the amount of \$14,192.47 plus interest. The sewer expansion loan is now paid in full.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Larry Miller, Chairman. No new building permits this month. Will have one for Harmon's soon.

Employee Relations: Greta Dennison, Chairman. Jim Clark will be reviewing new applications for Police Chief.

Finance: Gene Purcell, Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Plan to get started on sidewalks right away.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Larry reported we will have a new tap very shortly.

Other Business:

Rick Stork asked about status of Dollar General. Larry Surrells told him our location was turned down due to soil contamination but we're still hopeful that we may get one, but it probably would not be located in the Village.

J.D. Kimberlin asked about the status of the Verizon tower. We've been told it should be ready by the end of January. We expect to hear from them at any time.

With no further business to discuss, Gene Purcell moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK