

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 3, 2011

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 3, 2011, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, Larry Miller, J.D. Kimberlin and J.R. Dunlap. Larry Surrells was absent.

Jim Clark, Police Chief; Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk; and Kathy Fuller, DPW Superintendent were also present.

Visitors present: Don York, Lisa Clark, Marcus Deckard, Clint Knoblett, Mario Bantican, Ed Hargis, Lamara Schulz, Zach McNair, and Chris Ford from WTAY.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Neikirk Engineering, LLC – Presentation of Contract. This was postponed as no one from Neikirk was present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approve ad in Souvenir Program-With pictures-\$250.00. Mayor Schofield asked what the Board of Trustees felt about placing an ad in the Bicentennial Souvenir Program, including pictures. Kathy Gonzalez could take the pictures for us. It would be a full page ad with a group picture of Village employees and Trustees. The pictures will be taken at 5:00 PM at the next Board Meeting. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the ad in the Souvenir Program at a cost of \$250.00. J.D. Kimberlin seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Approve purchase of tickets for Bicentennial Kick-Off Banquet \$30.00 per person; \$50.00 per couple (employees only). The Banquet will be on Saturday, March 19th at 6:00 PM. The Village would pay for the employee only. Mayor Schofield encouraged participation. Roger Eddy will be attending and present the Proclamation. Larry Miller moved to approve the purchase of the tickets for the Bicentennial Kick-Off for employees. J.D. Kimberlin seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Approve Ordinance for adding to Palestine Village Code for Part-time police officers. This is a requirement by the State. Motion was made by Larry Miller to approve this Ordinance. Motion seconded by Greta Dennison. Motion passed unanimously. It will be Ordinance No. 2011-O-03.

4) Discuss Invoice from Dan Legitt for replacement of fence post - \$82.00. After some discussion, the Board felt the Village could replace the post at far less cost than the Invoice. Motion was made by Gene Purcell that Mayor Schofield send a letter to Mr. Legitt

notifying him that the Village would agree to purchase the post and have the DPW workers put it wherever he wants it on his property. Motion was seconded by J.R. Dunlap. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Approve easement and annexation of 10 foot strip across Martin property with no taxes. This easement is on the north side of Martin's property. Our property butts up contiguous with Jim Martin's property which is right across from the Chamber property. Larry Miller moved to approve the easement and annexation. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion passed.

6) Approve annexation of Palestine Chamber of Commerce property with 5/year tax abatement. The Chamber has asked for this annexation for various reasons. Marcus Deckard and Mario Bantican spoke on behalf of the Chamber. They are trying to come up with ideas to make our Labor Day weekend more successful and, in turn, bring in more revenue for the Chamber and the Village. One idea brought to the Board was to have a "beer tent" in a segregated area of the arena. Mario says Coors is interested in being a Sponsor. If we could get a big sponsor, then they could be instrumental in getting more marketing out to the public. Motion to approve the annexation was made by J.R. Dunlap and seconded by Greta Dennison. Motion passed unanimously.

DPW Report: DPW staff still working on picking up limbs and brush from our last ice storm. Kathy reported that they have put in over 300 man hours just short of a month since the storm. Larry Miller said he has heard nothing but good comments on the work the DPW have done under such adverse conditions. Kathy has ordered road patch and DPW will be working on holes next week along with doing some alley work soon. They will also be placing larvicide soon. There's a possibility they will use the leaf vac one more time, if needed.

Police Report: Chief of Police, Jim Clark. Jim gave out February's Report. There were two thefts reported amounting to approximately \$2700, which Jim touched on briefly. He also said that meth use is up in the area.

FYI: Reminder: Consolidated Election: April 5, 2011

FYI: Reminder: Budget Work Day - April 2 – 8:30 AM

Pioneer Room – March– Greta Dennison.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Financial Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. January and February financial reports were handed out, along with the nine month expense/budget comparison for the Board members to review before the budget meeting next month.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Larry is contemplating having more sidewalk work done when weather permits.

Additional Business:

The PTO is planning a 5K run/walk for June 5th. Mayor Schofield has called the State to get the process started. She will prepare an ordinance to be approved in April. An ordinance is required for this event just like we have to do for the Labor Day Parade each year. The State is requiring a complete map of operation.

The Village received a Thank You note from the Palestine Senior Citizens Group.

Ed Hargis had a couple complaints he brought to the Board. After a brief discussion, Jim assured him that the issues would be addressed. Ed congratulated Kathy and her crew for the good job they did in picking up brush from the storm.

Greta Dennison moved to go into Executive Session at 7:06 PM.

The purpose of the Executive Session was to review prior Executive Session Minutes. After a brief discussion, Larry Miller moved to return to Regular Session.

Regular Session resumed at 7:31 PM.

The Executive Minutes from March 4, July 1, and August 5, 2010, were approved to put in the Public Minutes. The Minutes of December 3, 2010, will be held over for the next review.

With no further business to discuss, Greta Dennison moved for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

PRESIDENT

CLERK