

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 7, 2013

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on March 7, 2013, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, Larry Surrells, Greta Dennison, and Larry Miller. J.D.Kimberlin was absent.

Other Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeffrey Besing, Kathy Gonzalez, Police Dept. Admin Assistant, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: George Harrison, Rick Stork, Mark Wilson, Chris Forde (WTYE), and Tom Osborne (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 February 7, 2013, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Mark Wilson, representing Eagles & Brett Callaway/Saratoga – re: Illinois Game Board provisions. Mark checked with Mayor Schofield on status and since the paperwork in question has been completed; Mark felt this matter was resolved.

2) The Budget Meeting Date is changed to Saturday, March 30, 2013. The Budget Meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Mayor Schofield is providing breakfast at 8:30 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approve Resolution for Village of Palestine participation in State of Illinois – Federal Surplus Property Program. This program offers a variety of surplus property for approximately 5 to 25% of the acquisition value. Larry Miller moved to approve the Resolution as written. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Gonzalez said there is also a LESO Program available that is strictly for law enforcement. The cost is \$150 annually. New and used surplus property is available at no cost, with the exception of shipping fees.

2) All new applicants for the Police Patrolman will be required to take agility plus a written test. The packet for the written test will cost approx. \$20.00 each. Chief Besing has been in contact with Randy Cox, Police and Fire Commissioner

for Robinson and Lawrence County Sheriff's Dept., and said that if we have an applicant that would be a lateral hire, meaning the applicant has been through the academy and been certified and is working in law enforcement, the agility and written test would not be required. If the applicant is not a lateral hire, then the tests would be required.

3) Spring Clean-up Schedule – April 17th – for all paid-up customers.

4) Discussion: Rules & Regulations for Trash Containers – see attached. It was suggested that the rules and regulations be put on the Village of Palestine web site.

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

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. As far as traffic goes, he has been concentrating on school zones. There were two fraud reports recently concerning the purchase and installation of generators, one for \$6,000 and the other for \$7,000. Both cases have been resolved.

Chief Besing said that we do not have a data base for our Police Department. Kathy has been in touch with Brownlee Data Systems and they have a complete law enforcement reporting program that could be put on our computer that would allow us to build a data base. The cost is \$1800 and they are willing to work with the Village on making installment payments. The Oblong Police Dept. has used this program for many years and they are very happy with it. Kathy has been to the Oblong Police Dept. and reviewed the system and she said it was very user friendly. We will discuss this further at our next Board Meeting.

PIONEER ROOM – MARCH – GRETA DENNISON

FYI: Copies of the new Ordinances which better defines legal gaming.

FYI: Mayor Schofield will be attending ICS-300 Classes March 19, 20, 21 - Mt. Carmel. Chief Besing and Mayor Schofield will be attending ICS-400 Classes April 2 and 3 – Mt. Carmel.

FYI: Water Management Seminar – March 21st at 1:00 PM. – Fife Opera House. If interested in attending, please let the Mayor know.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. February financials distributed to Trustees.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Larry Miller, Chairman.

Employee Relations: Greta Dennison, Chairman. Personnel committee will be meeting this month to discuss updating budget for personnel.

Finance: Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA OFFICERS: Shirley Adams, Preliminary: Greta Dennison, Secondary.
Reminder to complete the OMA/FOIA on line training for 2013.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Larry said some of our alleys are in pretty bad shape. Mayor Schofield is working on getting a new ITEP Grant. If really need it, if we can qualify.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Larry reported that there is a sink hole beside the wet well that empties into the lagoon and we are going to have to dig down to find where it is leaking, which may end up being a big project. When the ground is solid enough, Steve Mitchell will be putting down gravel on the roads around the lagoon. We've requesting from the state that the 'no Jake brakes' sign be put back up and also a "hidden drive" sign for the lagoon.

Gene Purcell moved to go into Executive Session at 6:35 PM for the purpose of:
2 (C) (21) – Approval of Executive Minutes dated: 2/7/13 and 2/14/13 and
2 (C) (6) – Discussion of Property owned by Village of Palestine.
Larry Surrells seconded motion.

Regular session resumed at 7:07 PM.

With no further business to discuss, Greta Dennison moved to adjourn and J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion adjourned at 7:08 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK