

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 3, 2010

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 3, 2010, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, Larry Miller, J.D. Kimberlin, Larry Surrells, and J.R. Dunlap.

Chief Jim Clark and Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, were also present.

Visitors present: Jim Fuller, Kathy Fuller, Kathy Gonzalez, Dan Fuller, Mark Fuller, Keith Rich, and Tom Osborne from the Robinson Daily News.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as presented.

A Certificate of Completion from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board was presented to Keith Rich by Police Chief Jim Clark.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adopt FY2010 Tax Levy Ordinance

The 2010 Levy Ordinance was presented for approval. We discussed this at the last board meeting and nothing has changed from the Approved Appropriation Ordinance. It was in the newspaper that the tax percentage is "1" again so there will be no increase as far as state tax is concerned. Motion was made by Greta Dennison to adopt the FY2010 Tax Levy Ordinance as presented. Larry Surrells seconded motion. There were five votes for and one against. Motion passed.

2. USDA Wildlife – Nuisance Removal Service Renewal of Contract

Our contract is up in June. The new contract will cost \$1500 for three years. Mayor Pat Schofield reported that in the past three years there were 13 removals, mainly of skunks and raccoons and several more trips were made on top of that to make sure the problem was taken care of. Motion was made by Gene Purcell to renew the contract with the USDA Wildlife Nuisance Removal Service. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss change in frequency of Sewer Billings

Margaret presented a proposal to change the sewer billings from monthly to

quarterly. It currently costs the village approximately \$319 per month (\$3828 annually) for postage, card stock and labor. If billing were to be done quarterly, the savings to the Village would be approximately \$2500 annually. Customers would be billed quarterly but would be given the choice to pay monthly. Motion was made to accept the change from billing monthly to quarterly by Gene Purcell. JD Kimberlin seconded motion. There were five votes for and one against. Motion passed.

4. Condemnation Proceedings at 312 E. Franklin St.

The former owner of this property is deceased and the state now owns the property. The house is not livable and is creating a liability of the area. Mayor Schofield passed around pictures of the property for the board members to review. Motion was made by Larry Miller for Condemnation Proceedings be commenced on this property and the State of Illinois be notified. JD Kimberlin seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Adding "Neighborhood Vehicles" to Golf Cart Ordinance (ie:Rangers,Razors,etc.)

JR Dunlap proposed at the last board meeting to amend the Golf Cart Ordinance to include "neighborhood vehicles". We had visitors in attendance supporting this proposal. The board members were given a copy of Oblong's Ordinance #2010-528, which is their golf cart and neighborhood vehicle ordinance. This was for review to see how another Village's ordinance was written. A discussion was held with various ideas proposed on how the amendment should be written. A motion to accept the proposal to prepare an amendment to the Golf Cart Ordinance to include Neighborhood Vehicles was made by JR Dunlap and seconded by JD Kimberlin. This is just for "preparation" only at this time. The amendment will be brought back to the Board for final draft at the next board meeting. There were five votes for and one against. Motion passed.

6. Approve Village Ad in Bull bash on the Wabash Program

It will cost \$70 for the advertisement. Motion was made by Larry Surrells to approve the ad and was seconded by JR Dunlap. Motion passed unanimously.

The monthly Police Report was given by Chief of Police, Jim Clark. Nothing unusual to discuss, it was a pretty quite month.

Larry Surrells will be responsible for the Pioneer Room for June 2010.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Financial Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman

Financials were given to Board Members. We received no income tax money from the State of Illinois in May and none so far in June. Shirley requested that the Board Members write the new ordinance numbers on their copies which were approved at last month's Board Meeting. The Prevailing Wage Ordinance is 2010-O-02 and the Annual Appropriation Ordinance is 2010-O-03. Since the Tax Levy was approved earlier, it will be given the number of 2010-O-04.

Employee Relations Committee: Greta Dennison, Chairman.

Mayor Schofield reported that JD Kimberlin and Shirley Adams had completed their FOIA training and that she had completed 50% of her training. She reiterated that the training must be completed by July first.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman.

Larry said there was nothing planned until fall.

Mayor Schofield reported that she had received a letter from the State informing the Municipality that when a “building permit is issued for a roof to be built, we are required to make a copy of the contractor’s “active State Roofing License”. In the future we will be working to put this in our ordinance.

An anonymous complaint was made to JD Kimberlin, concerning the property at 205 North Rush Street. He advised that the complainant said the yard had not been mowed, and that it was never mowed when it should be, and that the property was continuing to deteriorate. This will be taken under advisement.

There being no further business before the Board, Larry Surrells moved for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

President

Clerk