

## **MINUTES**

### **PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**August 6, 2009**

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on August 6, 2009, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, J.D. Kimberlin, J.R. Dunlap, Larry Surrells, and David Branson. J.R. Dunlap and J.D. Kimberlin arrived late but before any business was conducted.

Chief Jim Clark was also present. Amber Green was in attendance to continue her training in the Clerk's Office. Margaret Littlejohn was also present.

Visitors present were Robinson Daily News Reporter Tom Osborn, Larry Miller, Jay Wilson, Skip and Rita Henderson, Mark Wilson, and Lamara Schultz.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were corrected to say that J.D. Kimberlin had been excused from the last meeting instead of J.R. Dunlap.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. A change to The Village Code: Chapter 12: Nuisances, Code 12-08: Abandoned and Inoperable Vehicles was introduced to clarify the wording and intent of the ordinance.

Discussion followed with the Police Chief, Jim Clark, and board and citizens in attendance agreeing that the change clarified the ordinance.

Greta Dennison moved, seconded by Gene Purcell, to accept the change in the ordinance regarding the more specific wording. The motion passed unanimously.

The ordinance was designated as Ordinance 2009-0-07.

2. Jay Wilson presented some material he had found regarding dog ordinances for further consideration by the Board. The materials were taken under advisement and will be presented to our attorney if necessary.

No further action was taken.

3. Salt for the Village streets had to be ordered early as the available supply is short this year. Formal approval was made to approve the purchase of 16 tons at a cost of \$1365 (\$65 per ton plus \$325 shipping). Larry Surrells moved, seconded by Gene Purcell to approve the unanimous phone poll. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The Village General Insurance Policy supplied by the Palestine Insurance Agency was reviewed. The \$2,000,000 Policy was the same as for last year with a premium decrease of \$41. The policy was approved by consensus.

2. Village Clerk Floyd Fuller presented the Tax Extension Detail Report for the 2009 tax year from 2008 tax liabilities. The Village Tax Revenues for the current and preceding for years are

Revenue for 2009 - \$93,109

Revenue for 2008 - \$94,014

Revenue for 2007 - \$77,123

Revenue for 2006 - \$81,161

Revenue for 2005 - \$76,932

He further reported that Revenues for year to date are down approximately \$12,000. This is primarily due to the State withholding partial payments of Income Tax funds. It is anticipated that all moneys from this account will be received by year end.

3. Chief Jim Clark reported an increase in Burglaries and Criminal Damage to Property. Other activities were about as usual.

4. Mayor Schofield reported that Cell One had called Monday to report that they will be erecting a phone tower just east of the Village city limits very soon.

5. Mayor Schofield reported that the Village will be the recipient of a \$50,000 appropriation from the Capital Infrastructure Program of Illinois, for use in our infrastructure improvements. State Representative Roger Eddy, who made the request in our behalf, has reported that the appropriation has been approved and will be available in the second half of 2010. Everything is in place except for a "Good Standing" Certificate from the Index Dept. of the IL Secy. of State's Office, which is forthcoming. It was further noted that we could possibly use those funds to fence the lagoon.

6. The mosquito spraying report presented to the board showed that spraying started May 20 and continued through July 31 for Palestine, Hutsonville, and Leaverton Park.

7. Larry Surrells noted that some sink holes on Franklin St. had been repaired.

8. Margaret Littlejohn reported that there have more delinquent sewer bills than in the past and that there are chronic users each month that must be prompted for payment.

9. Greta Dennison moved, seconded by Gene Purcell, to go to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel problems.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

The regular meeting continued at 7:23 P.M.

Greta Dennison reported the summary of the Executive Session. Personnel problems should be addressed immediately and written records kept for reference, that teamwork should be stressed, that work guidelines be prepared, and that job evaluation be done at least annually.

Larry Surrells moved for adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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President

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Clerk