

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

AUGUST 11, 2016

Palestine Board of Trustees met on August 11, 2016, at 4:15 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap and Mary Michael. Rob Byrley, George Harrison and Tim McDaniel were absent.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

No visitors present.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield.

Minutes taken by the Village Clerk.

This Special Board Meeting was to discuss the Ramsey property issues.

1) After Mayor Schofield spoke with Frank Weber, Village Attorney, she called Steve Mitchell for an estimate for demolition of the Ramsey properties. He submitted an estimate of \$42,700.00.

The Mayor met with Gene, Tom and Kathy on Tuesday. The DPW might be able to help with the surface trash. Gene said if the DPW would furnish the tractor/loader, he would help get the loose stuff to the dump so we could burn it. Gene said he would donate his time. If this could be done, we might be able to eliminate up to a third of the dumpsters required. Steve is estimating 28 dumpsters at \$700 each; however, Pat will order the dumpsters through the Village as we might get them a little cheaper and we don't have to pay tax.

Apparently the basement will have to be filled in.

#2) Frank instructed Pat to send Chief Besing a "Notice" concerning the conditions of the properties and direct that he immediately inspect those premises and make a written report of his findings, including photographs of the premises.

3) Chief Besing sent Mayor Schofield his "Report of Findings" of the properties, stating "it is my belief that a public nuisance exists on said properties and that there is a great and immediate danger to the public health and safety".

4) Mayor Schofield responded with a "Letter of Direction" to Chief Besing. The Chief was directed to serve notice on the owner, or if the owner cannot be found, on the

occupant or person causing, permitting or maintaining such a nuisance, and to post a copy of the notice on the premises.

In the meantime, we will try to get the owners, or those with interests, to give us deeds for their interests. Frank says the cost for condemnation proceedings could be \$2,500 to \$3,000.00. Lots of legalities involved.

There are two mortgages on the properties. The Mayor will contact First Robinson Savings Bank on one and Frank will contact the Federal agency that holds the other one.

Gene Purcell made a motion that we follow through with all the things Frank has set out for us. Mary Michael seconded motion. Gene, J.R., Mary and Mayor Schofield all voted aye, so it passed unanimously.

Gene asked if we could get someone in to spray around those properties for bugs. Some neighbors have voiced a concern to Tom that they are afraid that when the buildings are torn down, all the bugs will scatter to their properties, which is a legitimate concern. We will follow up on this.

With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by J.R. Dunlap and seconded by Gene Purcell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK