

**MINUTES**

**PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**March 9, 2017**

Palestine Board of Trustees met on March 9, 2017, at 8:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Rob Byrley, Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, Mary Michael, J.R. Dunlap, and Gene Purcell.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patricia Schofield.

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

This meeting was called for two purposes:

1. Discuss the Condemnation/demolition proceedings of Matteson's building at 206 S. Main St.
2. Discuss the Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Takeback Event.

Condemnation/Demolition of Matteson's Building:

Frank Weber e-mailed Mayor Schofield a copy of a letter from David Matteson. In his letter, David states that he hired someone to begin repairs at that address & he started working on it in mid-January. He says he also made arrangements with Senco to rent a lift to begin removing the brick on the east side of the building. It will be framed out in wood and he will use a siding in lieu of brick. He also stated that Ameren is cutting the power supply to the building so that work can be done on that side.

If this is actually happening, the question is should we continue with the filing of the Condemnation/Demolition filing or wait and see if he does what he says. Many of the Trustees referenced our past history with Mr. Matteson. He made commitments to us many times and then not followed through.

It was brought up that mold & mildew is in his building and the Trustee's want that to be addressed also.

Gene Purcell made a motion that we go ahead with filing the petition for condemnation/demolition and J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Takeback Event:

Mayor Schofield and Mary Michael attended the meeting held on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost has continued to rise as the volume of waste has grown significantly. Marathon has sponsored the collections in the past. The projected cost for 2017 is \$70,000 to \$75,000. Marathon has budgeted \$50,000 but cannot cover the entire event. They are reaching out to municipalities, other corporations, and businesses to help sponsor this event. The consensus was that we would like to contribute to this as it is very important to our community. J.R. Dunlap made a motion that we contribute \$1,500 annually, or as long as they have one. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

J.R. Dunlap made a motion to adjourn and Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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PRESIDENT

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CLERK