

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 2, 2016

Palestine Board of Trustees met on June 2, 2016, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, Rick Stork and J.R. Dunlap.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Kathy Clark, DPW Supervisor, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Hutsonville Police Chief Chad Weaver, Robinson Police Chief Bill Ackman, Steve Mitchell, Alex Pleasant, Bob Taylor, and Chris DeWitte (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 May 5, 2016, were accepted with change.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Robinson Police Chief Bill Ackman, Hutsonville Police Chief Chad Weaver, and Palestine Police Chief, Jeff Besing – Presentation and discussion of Spillman Software: Integration of Law Enforcement Departments (copy of brochure attached) in Crawford County: Focusing on Sheriff's Department and City of Robinson, and to include Palestine, Hutsonville, and Oblong – Jasper County is considering joining the network. Police Chief Chad Weaver gave an overview of the software program and how it could benefit Palestine. The software can integrate every emergency agency in the county and allow immediate sharing of information. Robinson is going to apply for a Claypool Grant to help offset the cost. The cost to the local municipalities will be minimal. We will be responsible to help maintain the annual fees.

2) Discussion and Approval of the 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance (refer to your copy). Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2016-O-04. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Approval of chamber of Commerce request for Labor Day Parade Permit. Rick Stork made a motion that we accept the Chamber's request for a Labor Day Parade Permit. The motion was seconded by J.R. Dunlap and carried unanimously. In addition they requested a permit for the Beer Tent over Labor Day as in the past. George Harrison moved that we approve the permit and Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4) Discussion and approval of the condemnation of the Ramsey properties, based on our attorney's advice. As soon as all the paperwork is ready, Frank will give us the go ahead.

5) Village of Palestine was presented with a 'charitable contribution' from Marathon Petroleum Co., LP, in the amount of \$5,000 on May 26, 2016. The Village will use this contribution to help offset the cost of the generator we purchased last November.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) New Storm Sewer – LAMAC ENGINEERING PROPOSED PLAN (Indiana Railroad)  
Review, discuss and approve – copy of Lamac Engineering plan and profile for this Project is attached.

We are waiting on Lamac Engineering to advise Mayor Schofield of an estimated cost.

2) Appoint Permanent Board Member of CCSW Committee. Meeting will be held quarterly. Gene Purcell agreed to be a board member to represent The Village of Palestine.

**DPW REPORT:** Kathy Clark, Superintendent. The storm sewer frame, behind Harmon's is damaged and sinking. Kathy has ordered a new frame and will have Mitchell help with the ground work. The DPW will resurface the work area with cold patch.

In preparing for chip and seal, Kathy has asked Mitchell to roll our road pack, as they lay it, at the chip and seal locations.

The DPW has started mosquito spraying in Hutsonville and Palestine this week. Both Villages will get two applications per week.

Kathy requested that the council consider a ZTR mower for landscaping duties around the Village. It is sorely needed and would increase their efficiency. J.R. and Gene will help Kathy in getting some ideas and pricing. The purchase was already allowed for in our new budget.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. Chief Besing distributed the Departmental Statistics for May.

**PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – JUNE 2016 – GEORGE HARRISON**

**FYI: REMINDER: Freedom of information updates – March 2016**

**FYI: FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULE – October 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. Still working on finalizing financial reports for May. Will present them at the July meeting.

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

**Employee Relations Committee:** Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

**FOIA Officers:** Shirley Adams, Chairman.

**Ordinance Committee:** Larry Miller, Chairman.

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** Rob Byrley, Chairman.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Ricky Stork, Chairman.

**Other business:**

Mayor Schofield received a letter from IDOT in reference to Safe Routes to School Grant. This Project has been accepted as completed and cleared. It is now the Village's responsibility to keep these sidewalks maintained.

With reference to our Main Street/Streetscape Project, we have received a "No-Build" Waiver from the U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration, and the Illinois Department of Transportation, based on the following information, contained in a letter from IDOT on May 5, 2016:

"The proposed project scope could not satisfy both accessibility regulatory requirements and the project needs. The no-build alternative for this project was selected based on the adverse effect to the Palestine Historic district, which is on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). This includes the Fife Opera House which is individually listed on the NRHP. The State Historic Preservation Office issued an Adverse Effect letter dated January 29, 2014, due to alterations needed by the project that negatively impacted the appearance/setting of the historic district. The Federal Highway Administration Order 5020.1 (c) has been satisfied, therefore, the "No-Build" Waiver is approved.

With no further business to discuss J.R. Dunlap moved to adjourn. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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PRESIDENT

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CLERK