

**MINUTES
PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

February 7, 2013

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on February 7, 2013, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, Larry Surrells, J.D. Kimberlin and Greta Dennison. Larry Miller was absent.

Other Staff Members present: Police Chief Jim Clark, Police Chief Jeffrey Besing, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: George Harrison, Rick Stork, Chris Forde (WTYE), Brett & Sarah Calloway, Kathy Gonzalez, Lamara Shultz and Bob Taylor.

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 January 3, 2013, were accepted as presented.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Schofield presented Chief Jim Clark with a plaque from the Village of Palestine recognizing his 28 years of dedicated service to the Village. The Board, along with our new Police Chief Jeff Besing, congratulated him on his retirement and wished him well.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update of Matteson property-205 S. Rush St. Report on Interrogatories” and “Request for Production of Documents”. No change to date.

2) Report from Personnel Committee- Re: Hiring of Jeff Besing as Police Chief. Greta Dennison introduced Jeff to the Board and guests and welcomed him to the Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Brett Callaway – Regarding Gaming & Liquor Ordinances and Definitions
Brett is trying to install gaming machines in his business and he is requesting some changes in the ordinance in order to get his license from the state. It mainly amounts to changing some verbiage. Gene Purcell moved that we reinstate Section 8 in Ordinance 2012-O-11 and change the wording to ‘specifically allow legal gaming devices’. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion carried.

Brett also requested that we better clarify our liquor ordinance. He wants to make sure he has the correct class of liquor license for his business. This will be reviewed and Mayor Schofield will take it to our attorney for legal advice and assistance on the correct wording. It was the consensus of the Board for her to go forward with this.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Kathy was not present.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jim Clark. There were a few burglaries but the alleged perpetrators have been caught and in jail. Jim admonished once again... "people...lock your cars".

PIONEER ROOM – FEBRUARY – GRETA DENNISON

FYI: Received Notification that the U.S. Postal Service will no longer deliver regular mail to street addresses on Saturdays. Mail will be delivered Monday thru Friday effective August 5, 2013.

FYI: The Preliminary Engineering for the Safe Routes to School project has begun.

FYI: Reminder from Crawford County Spay & Neuter Foundation that February has been designated as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Financial reports for December and January were handed out. Saturday, March 23rd, is being tentatively scheduled for our budget meeting.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Larry Miller, Chairman.

Employee Relations: Greta Dennison, Chairman.

Finance: Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA OFFICERS: Shirley Adams, Preliminary: Greta Dennison, Secondary.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. We have another sidewalk that requires some repairs. We'll get to it as soon as we can and finances are available.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. The problem at the Lamotte Lift Station has been taken care of. Fortunately, the problem was minimal.

Other Business:

The Palestine Development Association is raising money to benefit the Leaverton Park Playground Equipment Project. Mayor Schofield suggested we donate \$100 for a Silver Sponsorship. The Trustees were in favor of this.

Larry Surrells moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 2 (C) (1) – Personnel at 6:50 PM. J.D. Kimberlin seconded motion. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:20 PM. Larry Surrells made a motion that we hear from the individual that was discussed in Executive Session and ask to see documentation that the individual has requested. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Larry Surrells moved to adjourn. J.D. Kimberlin seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK