

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 6, 2013

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

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

Visitors present: Jim, Clark, Todd Knoblett, Myrna McNair, Polly Rapp, Bob Taylor, and Jason Tiller (WTYE).

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of May 2, 2013 were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Beabout property – corner S. Jackson and E. Harrison. Myrna McNair and Polly Rapp complained that not only was this property an eye sore but created a health hazard. Kathy Clark said wildlife is running in and out of the property. Mayor Schofield has spoken with Dusty (Shirley Beabout's Son-in-law) and he says their goal is to get it down within a month. Larry Surrells made a motion to give them 30 days to have it cleaned up. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Report on the Whelen Encorder for our GTS Warning System – Gene Purcell. Gene said that in the past Marathon could not blow a warning for us but now they can so we will not need the Whelen Encorder.

3) Update on possible land purchase for new business. The property owner is willing to sell to us. An ordinance was written for the purchase. Larry Surrells moved to accept the ordinance as written. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance number is 2013-O-07.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Approval of 2013 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Greta Dennison moved to approve the 2013 Annual Appropriation Ordinance. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. The Ordinance number is: 2013-O-06.

2) Committee Assignments for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Committee assignments were handed out. Margaret will give a copy of the building ordinances to Rick and Gene for their review since they are now on the Building Regulations Committee.

3) Amended Trustee Volunteers for opening Pioneer Room for 2013-2014. Mayor Schofield distributed the amended list to the Trustees.

4) Palestine Chamber of Commerce-Approval for Beer Tent for Labor Day weekend. Mario Bantican will provide the liquor license. It will be the same as in the past. Rick Stork made a motion to approve the beer tent for Labor Day weekend. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5) Approve Labor Day Parade for Palestine Chamber of Commerce for Labor Day Weekend. Gene Purcell moved to approve the Labor Day Parade. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**DPW REPORT:** Kathy Clark, Superintendent. The 'no through traffic' signs were installed at the alley beside Casey's. Kathy said the alley is in bad condition. The sink hole at the lagoon has been taken care of and there is no sign of leakage.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. They have been busy with traffic calls. They have also been attending training. Josh is working out well. Chief Besing and Josh are now Palestine residents. The Police Dept. is going to receive a grant from the Mary Heath Foundation in the amount of \$2235.00. The money will be used to help purchase lockers, a taser and bullet proof vests for the Police Dept. Chief Besing relayed to the Board that Ed Myers is interested in working part-time for the Village Police Dept. He is still certified. It was the consensus of the Board that he could be put on as a part-time police officer. Chief Besing also said that Sheriff Suits from Pope County is interested in purchasing our old Chevy Impala patrol car.

## **PIONEER ROOM – JUNE – LARRY SURRELLS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. April and May financial reports were given to Trustees.

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

**Employee Relations Committee:** Greta Dennison, Chairman.

**FOIA Officers:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. Greta Dennison, Secondary. Another reminder...please complete the 2013 FOIA/OMA training module.

**Ordinance Committee:**

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** Larry Surrells, Chairman.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Larry Surrells, Chairman. Recently cured a problem that had existed for awhile and the folks that had the problem were very happy with the outcome.

### **Other Business:**

Mayor Schofield reported that she had received a few complaints concerning the pole in front of McNair's that has the 'art' objects on it. Larry Surrells said "it is art from a local artist" and a lot of folks enjoy and appreciate it. It may also be a way of bringing people to town. The consensus of the Board was that it was good for the Village.

Bob Taylor thanked everyone who turned out for the AmVets Memorial Day Program and reminded everyone that Flag Day was coming up on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

J.R. Dunlap said there is a large amount of trash on LaMotte Street and it has broken canning jars in it. Looks like it is trash from flood damage from several individuals. Mayor Schofield will get in touch with Republic and see if they would provide us a dumpster to get rid of it.

It was mentioned that trash and limbs and trimmings are getting out of hand all around the Village.

FEMA representatives were here last Friday and Saturday. They were very supportive and offered to come back if necessary. They said they had 48 people who registered and talked to 39 of them. Rick Stork had some dealing with them and was very pleased with their service.

With no further business to discuss, Rick Stork moved to adjourn. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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