

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 3, 2014

5:30 PM: Brandon Carpenter was sworn in as the new Patrolman for the Palestine Police Department.

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on June 5, 2014, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, George Harrison, Ricky Stork, J.R. Dunlap and Larry Miller.

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

Visitors present: Rob Byrley, Peg and Red Waggoner, Brandon Carpenter and family, Tim and Linda McDaniel, Jim Snyder, Lamara Schultz and Chris Forde (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 June 5, 2014, were accepted with one correction.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Officially approved Rob Byrley as Trustee to fill vacancy made by resignation of Greta Dennison Larry Miller made a motion to accept Rob Byrley as Trustee. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Mayor Schofield swore in Rob Byrley as Trustee.

3) Streetscape Project – Update – Still waiting on IDOT and IHPA to reach an agreement.

4) Dollar General – Open House – Board officially invited to participate. Mayor Schofield and some Board Members attended the open house and ribbon cutting.

5) Update – Apt. Bldg. – Pike St. Blvd. – Joe Dart, Purchaser. Joe did not show up for the meeting to give us an update.

6) Update – Matteson Property – 205 N. Rush St. – Sale is pending. There is no lien or attachment on property.

7) Update – Matteson Property – 415 S. Main St. – There has been some progress made.

8) Update – Progress on repair to sidewalk at Verizon Tower. A suggestion was made to contact Verizon to try and get some help from them. Someone will talk to Brian Nethery o for his input.

9) Update – Emerald Ash Borer – Rob Byrley report. Rob is still researching this. He is going to get an inventory of the Ash trees in the Village and then proceed with the project.

10) Tim and Linda McDaniel – Re-visit sewer line replacement. Linda presented the board with a written letter giving their account of the situation. After further discussion and reconsideration, Gene Purcell made a motion that we assume responsibility for some of their sewer problems and that we reimburse them \$1785.11, half of their sewer bill. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussion & approval of 2014 Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Larry Miller moved that the 2014 Prevailing Wage Ordinance #2014-O-05 be approved as written. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Municipal Notice regarding the Life Safety. We received a notice reminding us that we are part of the State Adopted Life Safety Code.

3) Approve Quote for new gutters and down spouts on Municipal Building. J.R. Dunlap moved to approve the quote from Heritage Seamless Guttering, in the amount of \$1126.40. Ricky Stork seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

J.R. Dunlap addressed the Board to discuss a proposal to have a car show and cruise in on August 22nd. Pam Murphy would like to include a fish fry at the same time, with the proceeds to benefit fireworks and Christmas lights for the park. J.R. made a motion for the Board to allow Main Street to be closed for the car show and fish fry on August 22nd, beginning around 4:00 pm. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. The street sign replacement project is complete; and the ADA requirements for the parking lot have been completed also.

The Waste Water Treatment plant is under new monitoring reports for the new permit exemption. Kathy now has to test for Coliform and Ammonia, aside from the monthly TSS and BOD tests. The tests have been under detectible limits so far.

The new gates have been installed at the WWT Plant.

The drainage tile at Winger/Adams on Lamotte has been installed.

The DPW will address Kermit's drainage problems as soon as they can get to it.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. Received the Mary Heath grant funds and the AED's have been purchased and placed in squad cars. The radio equipment will be installed on July 7th.

Received the new duty weapons and completed the qualification course.

The grant writers from Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission and the USDA Grant Office met with us on June 19th to go over our grant application for the squad car. They got a firsthand look at the Dodge Nitro and agreed we needed a more appropriate "police package" rated squad car.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – JULY – RICKY STORK.

FYI: Committee Assignments – June 2014 - Fiscal Year 2014-2015

FYI: Illinois Association of Realtors – Semi-Annual Newsletter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. June's financial reports were distributed.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. Had a few building permits this month, mostly for fences.

Employee Relations Committee:

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman. He has been working on an amendment to Chapter 41, Traffic, Section 41.19.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: J.R. Dunlap, Chairman.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman. Rick has come up with an idea to plug the pipe at the lagoon. He will follow up on this.

Larry Miller moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 2(C)(21) – Review and approve Executive Session Minutes for past six months. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 7:20 PM.

On the issue of 2(C)(21) Semi-annual review of Executive Session Minutes, the Executive Minutes of July 11, 2013 and October 10, 2013, were reviewed. Larry Miller moved that they be approved and included in the regular Minute Book for public viewing. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Gene Purcell moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

MAYOR

CLERK