

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 5, 2012

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on June 5, 2012, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, Greta Dennison, and Larry Miller. J.D. Kimberlin was absent.

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

Visitors present: Bob Berty, Jeannette Berty, Matt Weaver, Bob Taylor. Judy Minor, Barbara Johnson and Chris Forde from WTYE.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem, Larry Surrells. Mayor Patricia Schofield was absent.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of June 7, 2012, were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Update of Matteson property – 205 N. Rush Street. The owner of the property has boarded up the house and garage. This is not an option. If the house and garage are not torn down by August 1<sup>st</sup>, the owner will be in violation of the Ordinance, and citations will be issued. Judy Minor and Barbara Johnson voiced their concerns about the condition and safety of the property.

2) Update on Phase 1 for real estate purchase – Terracon is working on Phase 1 and is checking all assessments for the past 50+ years to determine site ownership and occupancy. We received their Phase 1 study and the board members reviewed it before the meeting. It is Terracon's recommendation that further testing is required. There will be an additional cost for this but it was the consensus of the board that it is necessary.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Adopt Ordinance – FY2012 Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance-With June 14, 2012. Larry Miller moved to adopt the FY2012 Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion carried. Ordinance will be 2012-O-09.

2) Approval and adopt Resolution for IDOT Labor Day Parade permit. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution for the IDOT Labor Day Parade permit. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried.

3) Bob Berty – CCDA – Clarifications regarding the role of aggregation in energy savings. Bob expressed that the CCDA is not trying to sell us on aggregation; that's up to the people of Palestine; he just wants everyone to be aware of what is available.

4) Matt Weaver – Liberty Power. Matt warned us to be cautious and to be certain we are

sure it's a good thing for the community before going forward.

5) Approve and adopt Resolution for "Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Palestine, IL the question whether the Village of Palestine should have the authority under Public Act 096-0176 to arrange for the supply of electricity for the Village of Palestine for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such operation. Larry Miller voiced his concerns and said he is not confident with this as of yet. The Board felt they did not have enough information to move forward. Larry Miller said he'd feel differently if the whole county was doing this. Larry Miller moved to table this for now. Greta Dennison seconded motion. After further discussion, Greta Dennison moved to rescind her second on the motion and Larry Miller then rescinded his motion to table this. Gene Purcell moved to reject the approval and adoption of this resolution in its entirety. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried.

6) Casey's Home Office request – upgrade liquor license. Casey's wants to upgrade their liquor license to sell hard liquor for carry out. Larry Miller reminded the Trustees that this has been discussed in the past with Casey's. It was agreed that we might consider it in the future if Casey's were to put in a diesel pump. Larry Miller proceeded to make a motion to deny the request of a new liquor license for the sale of hard liquor, subject to the Liquor Commissioner's approval. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion passed.

Casey's also made a request to sell beer and malt beverages on Sunday. Judy Miner and Barbara Johnson voiced their concerns over this request and were against the proposal. After further discussion, J.R. Dunlap made a motion to permit beer and malt beverages be sold (based on their existing liquor license) on Sundays from noon to 6:00 PM; this also subject to the Liquor Commissioner's approval. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion passed.

7) Request from Thomas C. Woodward, Jr. to grant him possession of the dead end road in the 300 block of West Harrison. Larry Miller has talked to Tom and looked at this property and Greta Dennison also knows where it is. At present, all the road does is going back to a trailer. Tom wants to remove or tear the trailer down and build a house and use the road as a drive way to a garage. Larry Miller made a motion to vacate the dead end road in the 300 block of West Harrison to Thomas C. Woodward, Jr. for the consideration of \$1.00 and other considerations, retaining utility right-of-way. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion carried.

**DPW REPORT:** Kathy Clark, Superintendent. DPW have been hauling brush daily since 'no burn' has been in effect. They have reworked E. Harrison ditch after complaint. Kathy has ordered a new manhole frame for w. Grand Prairie. Several others are showing signs of age. Maxwell's repaired decaying concrete at N. Main & E. Franklin. Kathy's been in close contact with Tom Hose. He's been visiting the lagoon weekly and consults with her on a regular basis.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jim Clark. A lot of tickets have been issued lately, several due to animal ordinance violations. He did have one criminal damage to property (a car). Jim was very pleased with the residents of the Village for complying with no fireworks over the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Pioneer Room – July – Larry Miller**

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Ordinance Committee:** Larry Miller, Chairman. We have a situation with gaming machines in our local bar and clubs. Recently, the State of Illinois has legalized gaming machines. A State inspector came in and found two areas where our Village Code, as written, disqualifies our local bar and clubs from having gaming devices. In order to allow for these gaming machines, the Village Codes have to be amended. Larry Miller made a motion to strike the following:

- a) Chapter 12. #12.02 “Public Nuisances Defined”, Section 14, Item C, #2 “all gambling and slot machines”.
- b) Chapter 34. #34.04, Section 8 “A statement that applicant will not allow illegal gambling devices on the premises”.

Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Greta Dennison. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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MAYOR PRO-TEMP

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CLERK