

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 6, 2012

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

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

Visitors present: Mario Bantican, Don York, Doug & Sheila McCammon, Mr. & Mrs. Brady McCammon, Susie Hancock, Mr. & Mrs. James Houston, George Harrison, Donna Jenkins, Carl McNair, Luke McNair, Stacey Ogle, Lindsay Beabout, Phyllis McCammon, Van Earlywine, Barbara Johnson, 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 August 2, 2012, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update of Matteson property-205 S. Rush St. The Board of Trustees have not changed their position on going forward with the demolition of the property, through the proper judicial process. A case management meeting with the two attorneys is being rescheduled for this month.

2) Update on Overland Group re: real estate property purchase. We have not received any updates from them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Llama's request consideration for Sunday sales – (i.e. AmVets, Eagles, Casey's). They would like to be able to sell alcohol on Sundays from noon to 6:00 PM. Mario Bantican and Don York, owners of Llama's, requested Board approval to have their bar open from noon to 6:00 PM on Sundays. The Trustees had concerns about this request and after a discussion was held Larry Miller made a motion to permit Sunday sales from noon to 6:00 PM at Llama's Restaurant. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion did not pass.

2) Village-wide Fall Clean-up is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Please remind your neighbors.

3) Doug McCammon and Brady McCammon – Liquor License for Full Liquor Store – "Carry out only" – will include tobacco, lottery and snacks – to be known as "33 Liquors" - located at the corner of Rt 33 and Wilson St. Brady McCammon gave a presentation of their expectations. Doug and Sheila McCammon, as well as other family members, spoke to the Board and gave their full support to Doug and Brady. After a lengthy discussion, J.R. Dunlap made a motion that we build a liquor license and approve

it for Doug and Brady McCammon for the liquor store, located at 106 N. Wilson. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion passed.

4) Formally approve a new Ordinance for the amendment of the Golf Cart Ordinance and the Neighborhood Vehicle Ordinance to add the provision of Temporary Permits. A new Ordinance for the amendment of the Golf Cart Ordinance and the Neighborhood Vehicle Ordinance was approved, unanimously by phone poll, to include the provision of Temporary Permits, for special events for visitors and campers at the park. The cost will be \$15.00 per day or \$25.00 for five days. It was also suggested that we notify the Palestine Chamber so they could include this information in their brochures. J.R. Dunlap moved to formally accept the Ordinance as written. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion carried.

5) Proposal for purchase of new copier machine – Miller Office Equipment. The office copier has not been working properly for some time and maintenance is frequently needed. We have a proposal from Miller Office Equipment for a new one and they will accept our old one as a trade in. Larry Surrells moved to purchase a new copier/fax machine, with service contract, from Miller Office Equipment. Greta Dennison seconded motion. Motion carried.

6) Suzie Hancock – regarding sidewalks. Suzie addressed the need for sidewalk repairs on North Main Street, in front of her property and also closer to Rt. 33. Mayor Schofield said sidewalks on the East Side of that block are also in need of repair or replacement. Larry Surrells, Chairman of Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys assured everyone that these areas will be put on the list for repair, as well as others, as soon as funds are available.

Other Business:

The Board discussed the condition of the streets and intersections affected by the new water lines being installed. We've received many complaints from residents regarding the condition of the terraces, etc., that keeps them from being maintained and mowed properly. Jason Wesner, Palestine water superintendent, told the Mayor that the work has been delayed due to the many water line breaks over the summer. They hope to get the water lines repaired as soon as possible.

Another e-recycling company was reported as having the means to come and do a recycling project for the Village that will include electronic machines and accessories. We may have them give a presentation to the Board before next spring when they plan to offer another such event.

We've had several complaints about poor service from Republic. Republic, in turn, says some people are not using the recycle totes properly. Mayor Schofield and Kathy Clark are going to meet with a representative of Republic to discuss the problems, to try and get them resolved.

The Mayor will be working on writing a grant for the upcoming project of replacing all signs in the Village. The signs have to be replaced by 2015.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Recently, Kathy took the Sewer Operator's Certification exam. She will know in about a week if she passed. Kathy reported that the new employee is working out well and learning very quickly.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jim Clark. Jim said August was a fairly quiet month, with the exception of a couple thefts. Once again he reminded folks to lock their homes, cars and garages.

PIONEER ROOM – September – J.R. Dunlap

FYI: Mediacom has notified us that they are raising their rates, effective September 1, 2012. Family Cable - \$2.00; Star Package - \$3.00; Family Cable with Star Package - \$5.00. They are also increasing Mediacom online services by the various levels of service.

FYI: 2009 Illinois Jobs Now! – HB4568 Law – IDOT – Bureau of Local Roads and Street – Third Installment - \$5,932.00 - will be mailed by the end of October 2012.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Shirley presented the Trustees with July and August financial reports.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman. He will be working on building a new liquor license ordinance for “33 Liquors”.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Tom Hose will be working with Kathy Clark next week troubleshooting the lagoon.

Greta Dennison moved to go into Executive Session regarding **2(C)(11)** at 7:40 PM.

The regular Board Meeting resumed at 7:56 PM. The Board made a consensus to send pertinent information along with a letter of clarification to our municipal attorney, with the stipulation that there will be no further communication regarding the situation except through our attorney.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Larry Surrells. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK