

MINUTES
PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 3, 2015

Palestine Board of Trustees met on December 3, 2015, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were George Harrison, Rick Stork, Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel and J.R. Dunlap.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Brian Nethery and Chris DeWitte (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 November 5, 2015, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Employees' Christmas Party – 6:00 PM – Don't forget to bring canned goods or staples for the Palestine Food Pantry.

2) Update on Property at 206-208 S. Main St. The Village's attorney has written to Mr. Matteson putting them on notice that their building could be compromised by its disrepair and deterioration and possible collapse, causing damage to those properties contiguous to his. Mr. Matteson's correspondence to our attorney indicated that Mr. Matteson is currently waiting on an estimate from Mr. Schlomer for repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discuss and approve DRAFT of Impound Vehicle Ordinance. After reviewing the draft, George Harrison moved that we approve the draft to amend Chapter 41, Traffic, Section 41.23. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. The draft will be sent to Frank Weber to write the final.

2) Crawford County Development Association – Annual Contribution. Mayor Schofield informed the Trustees that other county municipalities, banks, & corporations have increased their contributions to the CCDA. She handed out a copy of the CCDA's Annual Budget and it showed that even with the increased contributions, the budget will still be in the red. The CCDA does many good things for Crawford County along with working as a liaison for new businesses trying to come to Crawford County. Gene Purcell made a motion that we increase our annual contribution to CCDA by \$250 per quarter, for a total increase of \$1,000 per year. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and approval of the renewal of our Muni-Ag contract with Good Energy –

Energy Supplier – Homefield. Beginning June 1, 2016. Rick Stork moved to accept the extension of our current contract with Good Energy for two more years, beginning June 1, 2016. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Schofield and Shirley will be attending the next meeting, probably in January or February, and we'll know the actual new rate at that time for Crawford County.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. No report.

REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. Chief Besing handed out the Departmental Statistics for November and activity report.

We have received the final title and court documents to the last car that was seized so now we can proceed with the bidding process for the remaining two cars:

- a) 1999 Silver Chevy Malibu w/ 191,000 miles. (\$500 starting bid)
- b) 2005 Green Dodge Stratus w/ 138,900 miles. (\$2,000 starting bid)

We will get these advertised and open the bids at the January Board Meeting.

The Village was also awarded the seized drug money from a drug arrest in October which was \$1,990.00. Per Illinois statute, the state of Illinois gets 35% of these funds and the Village will receive a check for the amount of \$1,293.50, which is required to be placed in our drug fund to be used for police vehicles or other equipment used in drug investigations.

We will be starting our “Candy Cane Campaign” the week before Christmas.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – DECEMBER – J.R. DUNLAP

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman.

George Harrison made a motion, at 6:20 PM, for approval to go into Executive Session for the purchase of 2(C)(5) – The possible purchase of property for the use by the public body. Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion carried.

Returned to Regular Session at 6:30 PM. Tim McDaniel made a motion to formally approve the Phone Poll to the Board of Trustees to pursue the purchase of the Brock Lot – 220 S. Main St., Palestine, IL. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick is going to get with Kathy to discuss an issue with the “snow route” on the street where the AmVets renters live.

It was the consensus of the Board that Kathy set up a schedule to run the generator at the lagoon

once a month and that she report on it to the Board quarterly.

With no further business to discuss, Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK