

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 1, 2017

Palestine Board of Trustees met on June 1, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, J.R. Dunlap, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery and Gene Purcell.

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

Visitors present: Patricia Schofield, Luke McNair, Jim Kent, Officer Carpenter, Chris DeWitt (WTYE) and Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rob Byrley

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of May 4, 2017, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update Report: Condemnation Proceedings. The inspection of the building is scheduled for 5:00 PM on Friday, June 2nd. Our Attorney, Frank Weber, two contractors, and Mr. Matteson will be present at the inspection. Pictures will be taken of the inside of the building to show what condition it is in.

2) Approve new bid on barn roof - Copy of bid attached. George Harrison made a motion that we accept the bid from Hershberger's Pole Building in the amount of \$9,200 for the new roof plus \$75 for removing trash from the jobsite. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Official Eagles approval. The Eagles have requested to use the West two lots of the Ramsey Properties for their annual car show on June 17th. A phone poll was taken on May 18th was approved unanimously. Gene Purcell moved to formally approve the request. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussion and Approval of 2017-2018 – Tax Levy Ordinance. J.R. Dunlap made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Tax Levy, Ordinance 2017-O-05, as presented. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Approval of 2017-2018 Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Gene Purcell moved to approve the 2017-2018 Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2017-O-06. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

3) Official Approval to purchase Chamber of Commerce Pocket Park. A phone poll was taken on May 12th to approve the purchase the Palestine Chamber of Commerce Park. The Chamber approved the sale of the park to the Village of Palestine at their regular monthly meeting on May 9, 2017, for the cost of \$10.00. The phone poll showed unanimous approval. J.R. Dunlap moved that we formally approve the

purchase of the Pocket Park for \$10.00. Mary Michael seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Study/Discussion of Swimming Pool Ordinance – State Statute. A copy of Ordinance No. 2009-O-01, An Ordinance Regarding the Construction and Maintenance of Swimming Pools, was given to the Trustees for their review. There was some confusion about fencing around the pools. George Harrison made a motion that we table this issue until the July Board Meeting. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Approval of LABOR DAY PARADE PERMIT – as per Chamber of Commerce request. J.R. Dunlap moved that the Village approve the Chamber’s request. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. A Resolution will be prepared to apply for the state permit from IDOT, which will allow the closing of Illinois Route 33 at East Harrison Street from 9:00 am – 12 pm on Monday, September 4, 2017 for the Labor Day Parade.

6) Approve \$500.00 for Mayor Rob Byrley to spend without Board approval. Tim McDaniel moved that Mayor Byrley be approved to spend \$500 without Board approval. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. Kathy stated everything was running smoothly in her department. She had nothing significant to report.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. The final count on ordinance citations being issued due to abandoned vehicles was 2 citations. The remaining 34 vehicles were taken care of and brought up to ordinance requirements.

The fencing has been delivered for the impound lot but they haven’t started working on it yet.

Both grade school and high school graduations went well. Chief Besing escorted the State Champion High Jumper, Nathan Kiger, into Palestine this past Saturday with lights and sirens and the help of the fire department. He was really grateful for how the community welcomed his accomplishment.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – JUNE – GEORGE HARRISON

FYI: Copy of Ordinance No. 2017-O-04 - 5-4-17

FYI: REMINDER: Freedom of Information – due 90 days from election (July 4, 2017)

FYI: FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULES: Oct. 18, 19, & 20, 2017

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Shirley asked what the Trustees felt about giving the DPW workers call-in pay when they have to come in to work for emergencies after work hours. It was felt they needed more time to consider this and we will visit it at the next meeting.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. Gene said one new permit for a fence was issued this past month.

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Due 90 days from election (July 4, 2017)

Ordinance Committee: Pat Schofield.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman. We are waiting on Dave.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman.

Motion to go into Executive Session was made by J.R. Dunlap and seconded by Gene Purcell, for the purpose of Section 2(C) 11.

General Session reconvened at 7:15. During the Executive Session the Trustees were advised of the Griffin, Matteson, and Pritchard concerns.

Other Business:

J.R. asked that we put the August 18th cruise in and fish fry on next month's agenda.

J.R. also reminded everyone that the Committee of 10 would be meeting again soon and encouraged everyone to attend. There are a lot of incorrect information out concerning the proposed schools consolidation.

Mayor Byrley received the SIU report on the study they conducted. They found so significant difference in rural and urban communities in regard to cancer studies.

With no further business to discuss J.R. Dunlap moved to adjourn. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT

CLERK