

MINUTES
PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 5, 2009

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on February 5, 2009, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, Walter Fritchie, David Branson, and Larry Surrells. J.D. Kimberlin was absent.

Chief Jim Clark and Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, were also present.

Visiting was Bob Taylor.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board was updated on the progress of properties being condemned.

1. The Kasinger Property, 210 W. Harrison St. – Demolition and lot restoration has almost been completed. Eight loads of fill dirt and topsoil have been delivered and partially leveled. It can be properly leveled once the freezing weather is over. Some brush remains to be removed. Back taxes due are \$863.19. The Kasingers have not yet signed the property over to the Village.

A Nuisance Abatement Lien has been filed in the amount of \$6,330.87.

2. The property at 307 W. Market St. has an outstanding tax liability of \$4,380.53. Our attorney is working on a proposal to try to make an agreement with the party who has paid the taxes.

3. The approval of the adoption of the new combined ordinance known as **The 1999 Building Officials and Code Administration International, Inc. (B.O.C.A.) Building Code, The 2000 National Life Safety Code, The 1993 Illinois Plumbing Code and the 2002 National Electric Code, as Amended**, was defeated by consensus; however, after some discussion, Larry Surrells moved, seconded by Gene Purcell to approve only the 2000 National Life Safety Code. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayor Schofield reminded the Board that every six months they were to review the minutes of any executive meetings older than six months and determine if the minutes could then be opened to public review. A special meeting will be called for this review.
2. Mayor Schofield has found a copy of the preamble of the State of Illinois Constitution that she would like to have printed and framed for the Village Office.
3. Mayor Schofield reported that the Village has used all of the small supply of road salt and that no salt is available except in bags that must be purchased by the trailer load. We do not have the storage or need for that much salt at one time. She has been told to get in touch with a large salt company around March 15 and try to get a contract for at least one or two loads of bulk road salt.
4. Police Chief Jim Clark gave his monthly report. The most notable situation is that there has been an increase in scam artist activity within the area. Citizens are advised not to fall for any scam and report any to the police immediately.

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Branson moved for adjournment, seconded by Larry Surrells.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

President

Clerk