

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 4, 2010

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 4, 2010, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, Larry Miller, J.D. Kimberlin and J.R. Dunlap. Larry Surrells was absent.

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

Visitors present: Robert Taylor

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

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Dog Ordinance. Pat met with J.D. and J.R. earlier in February and they came up with some changes and additions to the proposed Dog Ordinance. These recommended changes and additions were handed out for review. After discussing the changes, it was agreed that there was still some wording that needed revised on 13.01, 13.10 and 13.16. Pat will present the changes to our attorney and after revisions are made, we will again review the Dog Ordinance for approval.

2. Illiana Cores Parking Lot. It was agreed that the culvert on Goodwine's property should be repaired before making needed repairs to the parking lot in order for it to drain properly. Carl Woosley and Jim Baker went to Illiana Cores this week and looked this situation over carefully and they feel that the parking just needs a "skim" of gravel on it and feel it should only cost about \$160.00 to repair. Pat is going to ask Larry Surrells to go back to Illiana Cores and re-evaluate the situation and get his input before we do anything.

3. Petitions – Redistricting of Illinois. Mayor Schofield reminded everyone to turn in their completed petitions as soon as possible. She would like them all in to her by next Wednesday, March 10th. She also reiterated how important this is to all of us.

4. Budget Work Date. The budget work date was set for Saturday, March 27th, at 8:30 AM. The budget must be approved and adopted before the beginning of the new fiscal year, May 1, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Spring Clean-up. Spring clean-up has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 28, 2010. Pat will contact Mark Dennis to schedule the appliance clean-up for sometime in May.

2. Board Approval for another quote for Employee Health Insurance. After discussing this idea, it was felt that the CMS/Local Government Health Plan we have now is a good plan for our employees. In addition to health insurance, it has a life insurance benefit, and dental and vision benefits. A motion was made by Greta Dennison to keep the health insurance plan we have now. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Retired Police Car. J.R. asked what we plan to do with Jim's old police vehicle. It was discussed whether we need it for a back-up vehicle, keeping in mind the cost of insurance, license, etc. or should we sell it. Jim will look into this further.

The Police Report was given by Chief of Police, Jim Clark. He noted that we should correct the report to reflect that the \$ loss due to theft should be changed to \$125 for February.

Committee Reports

Budget & Financial Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman

Shirley handed out the end of the month financial reports noting that revenue has been slow coming in, mainly due to the State of IL being behind in their payments.

Employee Relations Committee: Greta Dennison, Chairman

Pat will meet with Greta next week.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman

Pat reported for Larry. The DPW employees have been working hard on repairing alleys. They have re-graded and built them up when needed.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:49 PM.

After the brief executive session to review the minutes of prior executive sessions, Larry Miller moved to go back into regular session and J.R Dunlap seconded.

The regular meeting reconvened at 6:56 PM.

It was agreed that all but one executive session minutes were to be put in the public minutes.

J.R. inquired if we had any information that we can get out to the public

concerning suicide prevention. Mayor Schofield said that Robinson does have suicide prevention "hot-line". Pat will contact Jim Ellis and ask if it is on the Village's web-site. If not, she will have him put it on our web-site. She thanked J.R. for bringing up this important subject.

With nothing more to discuss, Larry Miller motioned to adjourn, J.R. seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:02.

President

Clerk