

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 2, 2011

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 2, 2011, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, Larry Miller, Larry Surrells, J.D. Kimberlin and J.R. Dunlap.

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

Visitors present: Chris Forde from WTYE, Tom Osborne from Robinson Daily News, Bob Taylor, Jim Fuller, Buster Fuller, John Schmidlin, Steve Ulrey, Mark Fuller, Lloyd Dunlap, Jr., and Greg Daugherty.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The minutes of May 5, 2011, were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) First Draft Reading: Neighborhood Vehicles Ordinance. Larry Miller said the ordinance would be a standalone ordinance instead of including it with the Golf Cart Ordinance. In addition, the Village would not issue permits to people who live outside the Village limits as the board cannot pass ordinances for non-residents that would violate state and federal laws by allowing the vehicles to run on county or state roads in order to reach the Village. Larry said we cannot condone people to violate the law. If we did this, it might put us in a position for potential litigation down the road. A lengthy discussion was held concerning these issues. It was brought up that some other neighboring villages have ordinances allowing for neighborhood vehicles. During the discussion some agitated visitors, who did not agree with the Ordinance as written, left the meeting. Mayor Schofield asked for a motion to be made to accept or reject the first draft of the Neighborhood Vehicles Ordinance. None of the Board of Trustees would make a motion, therefore, the proposed ordinance 'died' due to lack of a motion.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Adopt FY2011 Annual Tax Levy Ordinance. The Tax Levy Ordinance was presented to the Board for review. Larry Miller moved to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Ordinance number is 2011-O-05.

2) Adopt FY2011 Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Mayor Schofield got the rates off the computer as of May 10<sup>th</sup>. The rates can change daily. She is going to send a certified copy to the State asking them to fix our rate. She has done this in the past to no avail. Larry Miller moved to accept and adopt the FY2011 Annual Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Greta Dennison seconded his motion. Motion was passed unanimously. The Ordinance number is 2011-O-06.

**Pioneer Room** – June 2011 – Larry Surrells.

**Police Report:** Chief of Police, Jim Clark. There was damage done at the park last month and there were two DUI's issued during the month. Jim warned everyone to be diligent about keeping their meds in a safe place. Be very careful about strangers asking to gain entry into your home, as this has happened and then meds came up missing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. The Approved Motor Fuel Audit Report for 2010, along with monthly financial reports, was handed out.

**Bldg. Regulation, Permits, Maintenance:** Larry Surrells, Chairman. Greg Daugherty was present and requested a building permit for a garage to be built on his property. It was discussed and approved by consensus on the advice of Larry Surrells, having found that it would be in compliance with Village Ordinances.

**FOIA OFFICERS:** Greta Dennison, Preliminary: J.D. Kimberlin, Secondary. Mayor Schofield reported that most of the annual training has been completed.

**Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman.** Kathy Fuller is maintaining reporting.

**Other Business/Comments:**

Due to all the storm activity Palestine and the surrounding areas have been encountering, it is felt that a storm shelter is needed here in town. Mayor Schofield asked that the Trustees bring suggestions to our next meeting on places that might be suitable to be used a storm shelter, i.e., churches or bank buildings, Fire Department, etc.

J.R. Dunlap said the Amvets is wanting to repair or replace the sidewalk along side their place of business. This has been brought up in the past and discussed. Mayor Schofield will provide them with a copy of a letter she wrote to Amvets detailing what we could do for them and what their responsibility would be. J.R. said they have a group of new people in the Amvets now and they are unsure what did take place. Larry Surrells said we would be responsible for taking out the old sidewalk.

With no further business to discuss, Larry Miller moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

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PRESIDENT

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CLERK