

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 4, 2009

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 4, 2009, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, J.D. Kimberlin, J.R. Dunlap, and Larry Surrells. David Branson was absent

Chief Jim Clark was also present. Margaret Littlejohn was on vacation

Visitors present were Larry Miller, Jay Wilson, Bob Taylor, Judy Adams, and Lauren Adams.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Village Board of Officers, Employees, and Department Heads were assigned.

Mayor	Patricia Schofield
Village Clerk	Floyd Fuller
Ass't Village Clerk	Margaret Littlejohn
Village Utility Clerk	Margaret Littlejohn
Ordinance Officer	Jim Clark

Trustees:
Harry Gene Purcell
Larry Surrells
Greta Dennison
David Branson
J.D. Kimberlin
J.R. Dunlap

Palestine Police Department
Police Chief Jim Clark
Assistant Ed Meyers
Part-Time Brad Gurley
Part-Time Keith Rich

Committee Appointments

Building Regulations, Permits and Maintenance

Chairman: Larry Surrells
 David Branson
 J. R. Dunlap

Employee Relations

Chairman: Greta Dennison
Harry Gene Purcell
Larry Surrells

Finance Committee

Chairman: Harry Gene Purcell
Greta Dennison
David Branson

Streets, Sidewalks, and Alleys

Chairman: Larry Surrells
J. D. Kimberlin
J. D. Dunlap
Jim Baker

Sewer/Lagoon Committee

Chairman: David Branson
J. D. Kimberlin
J. R. Dunlap
Carl Woosley

Department of Public Works

Supervisor:	Carl Woosley
Sewer/Lagoon	Carl Woosley
Equipment	Jim Baker
Maintenance	Jim Baker
Landscaping	Kathy Fuller

2. Salt Order – A quote for our winter salt supply has been requested from North American Salt Company. Sean Lierz, who handles all the Illinois salt orders, will be sending us a quote as soon as he gets through with the State Highway Salt Contract bids.

3. Mosquito Spraying Schedule –

Hutsonville: Tuesday and Thursday, except for special requests

Belleville: Wednesday and Friday, including the park and ball diamonds

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jay Wilson presented a letter to the Board regarding “Dangerous Animals” and requested an ordinance regarding these dogs. Jay presented a list of homes having dogs that were aggressive to passersby and suggested that this type of dog should be classified as “Dangerous Animals” requiring special restraints to protect those walking their pet dogs, or pedestrians, or bike riders.

After discussing the issue, the consensus of the Board was that the current dog ordinance was all that was needed. Chief Clark had looked up the situation in his legal books and found that in order for a dog to be considered “Vicious”, it must have been examined by a veterinarian and declared Vicious by him.

There was no action taken.

2. The Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality – Illinois Highway Code was presented for approval.

Larry Surrells noted that he had worked with John Strong of Connor and Connor Engineers in planning the street work for this year. Due to the lack of income, it was decided to curtail most of the street work and concentrate on the alleys and some sidewalks.

Larry Surrells moved, seconded by Greta Dennison, to accept the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

3. The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund has reported a sharp decrease in funds. In order for the funds to be replenished, the Village has a choice. A rate increase from the current contribution of the Village for qualified employees is 13.69% of gross wages must be increased to either 15.06% that may be phased into a higher rate, or an option of 15.6% for an actuarially calculated rate.

The current condition of the Fund for the Village Employees is as follows.

Opening Balance as of January 1, 2008	\$231,446.48
Charge on Opening Balance – 7.5%	-17,358.49
Employer Retirement Contributions	20,222.33
Residual Investment Income Earnings	-105,508.35
Total Member and Survivor Annuities Cost	<u>-37,705.28</u>
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2008	\$ 91,096.69

Larry Surrells moved, seconded by Greta Dennison, to accept the 15.6% ACR rate and try to get a monthly update from the IMRF. The motion passed unanimously.

4. The Palestine Community Food Bank is in need of a file cabinet for their paperwork. Can we give one of our old file cabinets to them? Larry Surrells moved, seconded by J.D. Kimberlin, that we donate one old unused file to them. The results of the vote was four for, one abstained, and one was not present. Motion carried.

5. The Illinois Municipal League has requested permission to quote our insurance needs. Harry Gene Purcell stated that he would like as much business as possible to stay in the community, including our insurance. Others agreed. Harry Gene Purcell moved, seconded by Larry Surrells, to not permit the Illinois Municipal League to quote our insurance needs. Motion carried unanimously.

Village Clerk, Floyd Fuller, reported on the finances of the Village.

Chief Jim Clark reported that the police activity was normal.

Larry Surrells, Building Regulations and Permits, reported that several permits for buildings, swimming pools, and fences have been issued.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

President

Clerk

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

At the direction of Larry Surrells, Margaret Littlejohn has called the following Trustees of the Board of the Village of Palestine for the purpose of getting their individual approval of the following:

A replacement cylinder for the John Deere Tractor

GENE PURCELL	586-2412 - 5188 - 2122	<u>AYE</u>	NAY
GRETA DENNISON	586-2247 / 562-0749	<u>AYE</u>	NAY
LARRY SURRELLS	586-2616	<u>AYE</u>	NAY
DAVID BRANSON	586-9713	<u>AYE</u>	NAY
J. D. KIMBERLIN	586-2036	<u>AYE</u>	NAY
J. R. DUNLAP	586-2117	No RESPONSE	AYE NAY Left

Phoned on 6/17/09

IT'S FREE!

What will I learn?

Ability requirements
Registration information
Cost rates
Terms
Additional information
Registration limits?

Confirmation will be mailed to you
one week prior to the session.

Speakers:

SDA Rural Development

Patrick Lydic

Community Programs Director

Illinois Rural Water Association

Frank Dunmire

Executive Director

Don Craig

Deputy Director

8:45 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 Welcome & introductions

9:10 - 11:30 Information on loans and grants available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for water and waste water systems.

Location:

Urbana

Holiday Inn

1001 Killarney St.

Urbana, IL 61801-1036

Effingham

The Keller Convention Center

1202 N. Keller Dr.

Effingham, IL 62401

Directions will be mailed along
with confirmation

Name

Representing

Home Address

City

Zip Code

Phone

July 15, 2009—Urbana

July 22, 2009—Effingham

(Please check which session
you will be attending)

ARRA Funding Workshop

Complete the above registration
and mail or fax it by July 8

Illinois Rural Water Association

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