

**MINUTES**  
**PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**December 3, 2009**

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on December 3, 2009, 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.

Visitors present: Chad Borman

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. The Dog Ordinance. Postponed until January.
  
2. Senior Citizen's Report – After some discussion, Gene Purcell made a motion to increase our contribution by \$25 per month. This would bring our total monthly contribution to \$75 per month. Motion was seconded by Larry Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
  
3. Vehicle for Chief of Police. Jim Clark presented two bids for the board to consider. One bid from Terry Wiseman and the other from Expressway Sales. It was decided the bid from Expressway was the better deal. Chad Borman, from Expressway Sales, came to the meeting to present the vehicle to Jim Clark and the board members for inspection. It is a 2009 Dodge Nitro 4x4 SE, fleet vehicle. A "car fax" was run and came out clean. According to Chrysler's specs, it should average 16-17 mpg. The price is \$17,435 and a lifetime power train warranty is \$2265. After Jim test drove the vehicle and the board members inspected it and confirmed with Jim that he approved of it, a motion was made by Larry Surrells to purchase this vehicle, along with the lifetime power train warranty. Motion was seconded by Greta Dennison. There was five for and one against. Motion carried. Financing will be through the First Robinson Savings Bank for a term of two years, with a payoff sooner if possible. An Anticipation Warrant for tax monies to be received in 2010 will be used as collateral through First Robinson Savings Bank for a one year term.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Application for Sewer Hook-up Outside Village Limits. Robert & Martha Everett, 10848 E. Walnut, Palestine, IL. – Motion was made by Larry Surrells to accept application and approve hook-up. Motion was seconded by J.R. Dunlap. Motion was unanimously approved.
  
2. Final distribution of 2008 R E Taxes – Mayor Schofield reported that we have received the final distribution in the amount of \$15,339.05.
  
3. Last week for leaf pickup – week of December 7<sup>th</sup>. After that, all leaves must be bagged to be picked up. No objections were made to this proposal.

4. Posting of all normal monthly meetings for 2010 Calendar Year. Mayor Schofield reported that these have been posted inside and outside the Municipal building and sent to the media.

5. Ordinance for Political Signs. "NO POLITICAL SIGNS WILL BE PERMISSIBLE UNTIL THIRTY (30) DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION".

Some board members not think that this is a problem and were not in favor of spending the money to have an ordinance created. After more discussion, it was decided to postpone this proposal until January. In the meantime, Jim Clark will do some research and see if there is already something in place addressing this.

**Committee Reports:**

Police Report: Chief of Police, Jim Clark – Not much activity last month.

Budget & Financial Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman

Monthly financial reports were given out. Shirley reported that the Citicapital loan balance (for the lagoon) is now \$43,933.69. Twenty-four payments have been made on a five year loan.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman

Larry reported that three sidewalk projects have been completed. There is one more sidewalk project to do. Also under consideration, the reduction of the width of the sidewalk along side Larry Surrell's shop on Lincoln St. Larry stated that if this is done, he will absorb a portion of this cost.

Larry mentioned that the guttering has been completed on the Main St. Park building. Pipe was put under the sidewalk turning south, and an "L" was put on it and turned drainage east to the alley. We are going to backfill part of our neighbor's back yard to keep drainage from going on his property.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman

Larry Miller reported that a sewer at a residence on East Market had been rodded out recently due to a complaint. There was no blockage found.

**Additional Notes:**

Margaret Littlejohn reported that year-to-date we have received approximately \$1,375 revenue from the Pioneer Room Rentals.

She also gave a Sewer Office Report. As of Nov. 30, 2009, there are:

88 residents 1 month past due

28 residents 2 months past due

5 residents 3 months past due

1 resident more than 3 months past due

Total amount past due, including penalties, \$2,142.78.

The 6 residents with three months or more past due are our usual habitual offenders.

Jim Clark thanked the Board Members and the Mayor for their support in the purchase of the new police vehicle.

A motion was made by Larry Surrells to make a donation for added Christmas decorations in the amount of \$150.00 to Fred McNair. Motion was seconded by Gene Purcell. There was five for and one against. Motion carried.

Gene Purcell said there was a property on N. Lincoln St. that needs to be looked at. The property is in poor condition and needs cleaned up.

Larry Surrells reported that the insurance has denied our claim on the Pioneer Room. He is still working on getting it through. Larry has threatened to go to litigation if we can't get some resolution.

The Executive Meeting was cancelled.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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President

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Clerk

