

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 1, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on February 1, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Brian Nethery, and JR Dunlap.

Staff Members present: Rita Carmouche, Kerry Watson, Dan Cheadle, and Luke McNair.

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Carol McGahey, Angel Kerner and Resa Shaner

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rob at 5:00pm.

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

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of January 2024 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update Main Street Building. He was in to talk to the Mayor this week and said work will begin in the spring/summer, using the Herning Grant of \$9,275.

New Business:

1) Final Approval of Phone Poll done on January 9, 2024, supplemental insurance for Mayor. No poll was needed. Kerry found original Ordinance from April 2008 stating “in addition to salary, payment for his or her Medicare health insurance supplement premium” shall be included. Brian Nethery suggested forming a committee to revisit the ordinance prior to the next election regarding the insurance since it is very costly to the citizens of our community. Everyone is in agreeance that a committee is a good idea. Also, the ordinance needs to be updated/reviewed yearly.

2) Discussion of Enterprise Zone by Penny Shaw. Penny Shaw was unable to attend, but had sent an email, Twilla read the email aloud. Resa informed the board that a vote would need to be taken in the March board meeting. There is a meeting with the consultant on February 7th at the forest preserve for additional information and/or questions.

4) Discussion and Approval of Barricades and Road Signs. Luke spoke on the need for barricades and road working signs. The board approved for Luke to use \$4,200 on supplies. Brian made a motion to approve and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Luke McNair said they have been filling pot holes. Cory has been maintaining the vehicles for DPW.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle is still waiting on ILETSB to finish paperwork. We are happy to have Jake Baxter.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Brian Nethery

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out, Kerry is working on yearly workers comp audit presently.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, one permit was given.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman.

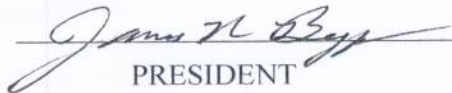
Ordinance/Grant Committee:


Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman.

Angel Kerner spoke on Crawford County Broadband Project. Angel is asking to advertise and get people to do online survey.

With no further business to discuss, Tim McDaniel made motion to adjourn, Mary Michael seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:55pm.


PRESIDENT


VILLAGE CLERK