

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 4, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on April 4, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, 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, 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 March 2024 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main St Building

New Business:

1) Approve Official Phone Poll Regarding Sewer Billing Monthly.

Tim made a motion and Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously by board members.

2) Discussion and Approval of writing an Ordinance pertaining to dilapidated display of the American Flag in the Village of Palestine.

Board members discussed getting information from our lawyer regarding the Federal Laws pertaining to the American Flag. It was agreed to table a vote at this time until we get more information from our lawyer.

3) Discussion and Approval of leasing or purchasing side by side.

John Deere, Alliance Tractor representative Ryan Seger was present to discuss options. Brian spoke regarding the cost of different side by sides. A quote from Sparks & Son's for a brand new Kawasaki Mule was presented, it wouldn't be fully equipped, however, would be new and carry a warranty. Ryan answered questions regarding the side by side we currently have vs a brand new John Deere that is not equipped with heat/air or a hard top. Ryan will get quotes and email Kerry first thing the next morning. The board made an offer of \$20,000 to purchase the John Deere Gator we currently have and asked Ryan to get a quote for a 2024 version unequipped with heat/air and hard top. Board agreed to table and follow up with a phone poll as soon as possible. Gene made motion and Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Luke McNair reported that he has received the new barricades that were approved and he has ordered the new signs. Cory has been maintaining the equipment as needed.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle reported the month's citations and also said County arrested a couple of people for drugs in Palestine this month.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Mary Michael

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out. The 2024/2025 budget is complete. Kerry said she will do a phone poll for final approval of the budget.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, reports we had 3 permits given in March, a handicap ramp and 2 fences.

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.


At 5:41pm Rob Byrley made a motion to go into executive session and Gene seconded for the following 2(C)(1) and 2(C)(11).

At 6:12pm Mary Michael made a motion to return to regular session and Tim McDaniel seconded.

Regular session resumed at 6:12pm. After going around the table the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

With no further business to discuss, made motion to adjourn, seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 6:25pm.


PRESIDENT


VILLAGE CLERK