

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 2, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on May 2, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Twilla Davis, Brian Nethery, and JR Dunlap.

Staff Members present: Kerry Watson and Dan Cheadle.

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Carol McGahey, Taegan Garner and Jeff Vaughn GWRPC, Ron Brock, Scott Campbell, Vickie Perkins, Penny Shaw, Angie Flynn.

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 April 2024 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main St Building

New Business:

1) Approve Official Phone Poll Regarding Purchase of John Deere Side by Side that we were Leasing.
Gene moved to formally approve purchase of John Deere Side by Side we had been leasing. There was a tie vote with Gene, Tim and JR voting in favor, Mayor Rob was the tie breaker in favor, motion as carried. While nay's were Twilla, Mary and Brian.

2) Approve Official Phone Poll on 2024/2025 MFT, Sewer and General Fund Budgets.
Tim made a motion and Brian seconded it. Motion carried unanimously by board members.

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

Ron Brock spoke and handed out a picture of a home in Robinson with a tattered flag hanging on the front porch. Ron would like to see an Ordinance started in Palestine to site residents that have dilapidated US Flags hanging. Lawyer Steve Greene contacted the Mayor, there are some Federal laws pertaining to the Flag, however, to have an ordinance is not recommended by the Lawyer. Gene made a motion and Tim seconded to leave things the way they are now.

4) Discussion and Approval of the Request from Palestine Chamber to use the Pavilion with Sound System and Chairs; the Community Facility and Pioneer Room During Labor Day Festivities on Saturday August 31st and Sept 1, 2024.

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

5) Discussion and Approval of Palestine Chamber request to have the Labor Day Parade, which will allow closing of IL Rt.33 at E Harrison from 9am-12 noon Monday September 2nd.

Gene made a motion and Tim seconded it. Motion carried unanimously by all board members.

6) Discussion and Approval to Amend Current Ordinance on Speed limit of a Side by Side.
Board would like to table this until the next month's board meeting so they can read through the ordinance thoroughly. Kerry will make copies for each board member to thoroughly read. Discussion and Approval will be held at June board meeting.

DPW REPORT: Luke was absent but Taylor Pinkston spoke regarding a meter that he would like to see us purchase. Having this meter would save Taylor from making so many trips to Robinson for the samples.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle reported the month's citations. Chief and Jake have been busy working with people in the community to get their yards cleaned up and grass cut. It has already been noticed that residents are being compliant.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Tim McDaniel

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out. I have a meeting with the lawyer to go over the Tax Levy and Appropriation May 21st.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, we had one building permit for a new garage and one fence permit.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

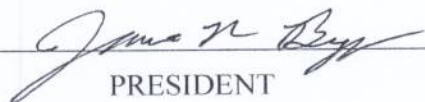
Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman.

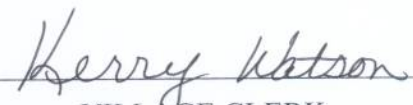
Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman.

Other Business:

Taegan spoke on some Grants that are available and what Grants would be coming up. She gave us a handout. Carol McGahey, speaking on behalf of the PDA, would like to help "clean up" Palestine by possibly renting a couple of dumpsters for residents to rid "junk" to get things cleaned up in town. She will keep us posted on upcoming ideas from PDA.

With no further business to discuss, JR made motion to adjourn, Mary seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 6:06pm.


PRESIDENT


VILLAGE CLERK