

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 1, 2024

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

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

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Carol McGahey, Resa Shaner, Penny Shaw, Kristie Nethery, Alyssa Nethery

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 July 2024 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main St Building should be hearing something about a start date soon.

New Business:

1) Taegan Garner from Greater Wabash. Spoke on a grant to help Dan get body cameras, which will be required by law in 2025. Dan has requested 4, to have an extra for a part time officer and/or if one gets broken. This is a reimbursement grant by ILTSB. There is also the Mary Heath and Claypool grants that will be open in the Fall if needed. Taegan will send in our information to the grant manager to make sure we have an idea of what is allowed and what could possibly be awarded.

2) Discussion and Approval of Purchasing Heated Power Washer for DPW Equipment. JR is proposing that the Village purchase a new heated power washer for the DPW. Twilla is concerned with the price and how much it will be used. JR expressed that a carwash or cold water power washer will not clean as good. It is an investment for the DPW and they would be able to keep all of their equipment maintained and could be used for other things as well. Gene made a motion and Tim seconded. Aye's were Gene, JR, Tim, Mary and Brian, with Twilla being a Nay.

3) Discussion and Approval of Raising Peddlers Permit Fee.

Rita informed the council that our fee currently is \$25 for door to door peddlers to be able to circulate in Palestine. Oblong charges \$50 and Kerry recommended that we charge at least \$50 as well. JR made motion and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Approval of Creating a "NO SOLICITORS" Sign Up.

Twilla suggested making a No Solicitors sign-up sheet at the Village, along with a physical sign on their door, for residents to have the opportunity to opt out of door to door solicitors. If a company gets a permit to go door to door to solicit from the Village Hall, our office would in turn give the peddler the "Do Not Solicit" list. If the company is non-compliant their permit would be revoked immediately. Twilla made a motion and Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Things are getting super busy. New trash cans will be put out next week. Preparing to paint curbs and street lines. We received the lagoon tester so Taylor will be getting that ready next week.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle reported the month's citations. Chief handed out police report. Dan reported they are having an "active shooter" drill at the school coming up soon.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – JR Dunlap

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman,

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Spoke with Dave Maxwell about starting sidewalks and it will be around 3 weeks when Dave is able to start.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman.

In Addition:

Resa says the Enterprise Zone is slated to be on the Robinson City Council Meeting this month. Everything should be good to go by end of September or first of October.

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

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK