

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 5, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on September 5, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery, and JR Dunlap. Twilla Davis was absent.

Staff Members present: Kerry Watson and Rita Carmouche.

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Carol McGahey, Resa Shaner, Penny Shaw, Steve McGahey, Eric Erickson, Tammy Venatta, Staci Rachoy, Adrian Rachoy, Thomas Woodard, Jessica Kessler, Vickie Perkins, and Taylor Pinkston.

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 August 2024 were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Update on Main St Building

#### **New Business:**

1) Tammy Venatta to Speak on Sewer on East Fort Drive. Tammy has a modular home picked out and is ready to get it placed on her lot on East Fort Drive. Taylor Pinkston explained to Tammy that we received advice from our attorney that we would have to get a State of Illinois EPA permit. Taylor told her it could possibly take 6 months. We assured Tammy we will be doing our very best to get this moving. A consensus was taken and all board members are in favor.

2) Discussion and Approval of Tax Abatement Resolution, Authorizing Tax Abatement within the Enterprise Zone. Tim made a motion, Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Official Approval of Phone Poll done on August 2, 2024 done on August 2, 2024 for approving the Acquisition of Title for Lots number 127 and 134, also known as the former LaMotte Firehouse. JR made a motion to approve, Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Official Approval of Phone Poll done on August 20, 2024 to pass an ordinance to borrow from FRSB for the former Firehouse. Brian made a motion and JR seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval of Annexation of Lots 13 and 14 in E.E. Mattox's First Addition that was purchased by C & E. Mary made the motion, Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion and Approval of Amending Chapter 21, Section 16, Temporary Living Quarters in the Village of Palestine. Some residents spoke regarding nice campers that they live in and how they are very well taken care of and nice. Staci Rachoy asked the board to consider making a list of guidelines to be followed if residing in a camper. The board decided to table until next meeting to think of a resolution and possibly talk to our attorney for advice. Gene made a motion to table and Tim seconded.

7) Discussion and Approval of USDA Contract for Skunks in the Village. JR made motion and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DPW REPORT:** Luke is absent

**POLICE REPORT:** Dan is absent

**PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Gene Purcell**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out. A new savings account was added to hold all of our grant money in, rather than it being in the General Fund Account.

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, 1 building permit was obtained to build a front porch.

**Employee Relations Committee:** Mary Michael, Chairman.

**FOIA/OMA Officers:** Kerry Watson, Chairman.

**Ordinance/Grant Committee:**

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Dave Maxwell has started sidewalks.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Brian Nethery, Chairman.

In Addition:

Kerry has had a resident ask about Independent Candidacy for Mayor and will be getting the packets ready.

With no further business to discuss, Rob made motion to adjourn, JR seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 6:13pm.

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PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK