

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 7, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on November 7, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery, with JR Dunlap being absent.

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

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Resa Shaner, Tammy Venatta, Carol McGahey, Jenna Aldrich, Jacie Bradbury, Scott Campbell, Tom Woodard, Staci Rachoy, Brandi Benton, Terri Myers and Steve McGahey

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 October 2024 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main St Building- Kerry emailed Seward Masonry to tell him we have over \$26,000 waiting for him to begin work. Still no start date.

New Business:

1) Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the sale of surplus public real estate, DPW Barn (205 N Pike Street) December 5, 2024 board meeting. Gene made a motion and Twilla seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion and Approval of Placing Flags on Main Street (Rick Kelsheimer). Rick was not present but asked the Mayor to speak on his behalf. The flags would be 3'X 5', it would be 16 flags representing different time periods. Before approving the board has more questions and we ask that Rick come to the next meeting for information. For now this motion will be tabled by Gene and Twilla seconded.

3) Discussion and Approval of 2024 Christmas Party. Party will be at the Home Plate at 5pm on December 6, 2024. Tim made a motion, Brian seconded. Tim and Mary voted nay, while Twilla, Brian and Gene voted yay.

4) Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance to Officially Vacate the Alley between property owners, Rice and Franklin, in Wabash Addition to equally divide the land. Brian made motion and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval of getting Electrical Work done for the fuel tank to be moved to the new DPW. Luke will get one more bid. The board approved for Luke to spend no more than \$7351.00. Gene made motion and Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion of Dilapidated Properties. The Mayor and Clerk discussed a 5 year plan to clean up dilapidated properties since it is so costly.

DPW REPORT: Things are going good. They are moving stuff to the new shop and have begun picking up leaves.

POLICE REPORT: Dan has submitted another grant to offset the price of body cameras. We're hoping to get enough to at least get 2 cameras, but are hopeful for 4.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Tim McDaniel

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out. Carol did the audit this week and she will present it at our December board meeting.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, 2 permits.

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 finished up the sidewalks, but had to do a couple more on W Market that a resident complained about.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman. We need to decide how to proceed with sewer services on the Lots Annexed in the Village for C&E Properties for their new construction of a liquor store and gaming facility.

In Addition:

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, Gene seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 6:12 pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK