

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 9, 2025

Palestine Board of Trustees met on January 9, 2025. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, and JR Dunlap.

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

Visitors present: Carol McGahey, Jacie Bradbury, Ed Brannon, Malinda Brannon, Jenna Aldrich, Penny Shaw, Stacie Ogle, Teresa Fielder, Tammy Cheadle, Scott Campbell 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 December 2024 were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Update on Main St Building- Mayor spoke to Brett and he plans to begin work on the building in April 2025.

#### **New Business:**

1) Carol Holbert Presenting of our Audit Report. Carol reports a "Clean Opinion" audit for the Village of Palestine. Audit report was given to board members.

2) Discussion and Approval of Carol Holbert's Audit Report. Tim made the motion and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Approval of doing an IGA concerning Animal Control Fee's in the Village. Mary made a motion to open discussion and Tim seconded. Mary suggested approving an IGA for a "per instance" case, rather than a flat fee per year. Voting in favor of an IGA are Twilla Davis, Mary Michael and Gene Purcell. Nay's were Tim McDaniel and JR Dunlap.

4) Discussion and Approval of Passing an Ordinance accepting Ms. Roselean Peach's offer at 205 N Pike St, the Purchase of Real Estate. Gene made motion and JR seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval to Pay LeFever Invoice for Wiring. Final invoice was \$4674 over estimated price making it \$12,025.19. Gene made motion and JR seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion and Approval of Raising Sewer Disconnect fee. Robinson has raised their disconnect fee so we have to raise ours to recoup our money back after disconnection. Twilla made motion and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discussion and Suggestions of potential temporary appointment of Trustee, due to the resignation of Brian Nethery. Tim McDaniel suggested asking Rikki Callaway, whom is already submitted her

paperwork to run as Trustee. Twilla Davis suggested asking Stacie Ogle.

**DPW REPORT:** Things are going good. They continue moving from the DPW barn to the new location. Had our first big snow so they've been plowing.

**POLICE REPORT:** Been a busy month. Dan has been working some evenings due to some nighttime prowlers on bicycles. Call out list was given out.

**PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Twilla Davis**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

**Ordinance/Grant Committee:** Kerry's working on a grant with Resa.

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** Tim McDaniel

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Twilla Davis volunteered to step in as Sewer/Lagoon Chairman due to Brian resigning.

Generator ran for 20 minutes.

With no Executive Minutes to approve, there was no reason to go into executive session.

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, JR seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:58 pm.

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PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK