

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 6, 2025

Palestine Board of Trustees met on February 6, 2025. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, and JR Dunlap.

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

Visitors present: Carol McGahey, Jenna Aldrich, Penny Shaw, Teresa Fielder, Tammy Cheadle, Scott Campbell, David Woods, Vickie Perkins, Staci Rachoy, Rikki Callaway, Cody Yager, Resa Shaner, Rick Kelsheimer 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 January 6, 2025 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) Update of Enterprise Zone. Resa Shaner informed the board that a building permit must be issued at our Village office, that permit must be taken to the Annex building to get paperwork to complete. Billy Burke is planning to have town meetings in the near future to have informative meeting for the public.

2) Discussion and Approval of Termite Treatment at DPW building. Pictures of the termite damage were given to each board trustee along with an estimate from Pest Control. Twilla suggested getting a quote from Salt Creek Pest Control. Luke will schedule an appointment to get that quote and a phone poll will be done. Tim made the motion and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Approval of Placing Flags on Main Street. Rick Kelsheimer spoke regarding putting historical flags on the 16 flag poles down Main Street. The pole would have a code to scan that would give the history of the flag. Rick will get an estimate. Permission was given to use our flag poles for this purpose. Mary made the motion and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Approval of Potentially Raising the Tap-In Fee for Sewer. Twilla made motion to bring discussion to the table and JR seconded. We currently charge \$400 for the tap in fee to our sewer. After checking into other local Villages, some fees are higher and some are less. Twilla suggested raising the fee to \$500. Twilla voted to raise the fee, while Gene, JR, Tim and Mary declined. Motion failed to pass.

5) Official Approval of Phone Poll, Appointment of Leo Stoltz as Trustee. Gene made motion to open and JR seconded. Upon roll call, JR, Tim, Mary and Gene voted to appoint Leo Stoltz as Trustee in the vacancy, Twilla voted for Stacie Ogle.

DPW REPORT: Things are going good. They have completed the move from the DPW barn to the new location. Luke thanked the board for the purchase of the new building. An Open House is being considered in the Spring.

POLICE REPORT: Call out list was given out.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Leo Stoltz

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. With the payment of selling the old DPW we paid off the Sewer Expansion on the East end of town and were also able to pay off the new DPW barn. The remaining \$600 was put towards the only other loan we have, which is the truck loan. Financials were handed out.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, 0 permits 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 thinks it would be a good idea to begin considering checking the lagoon for the amount of sludge, it's been several years since it's been done.

Generator ran for 20 minutes.

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

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK