

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 3, 2025

Palestine Board of Trustees met on April 3, 2025. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, and JR Dunlap.

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

Visitors present: David Woods, Janice Wilson, Lisa Clark, Kathy Clark, Carol and Steve McGahey, Staci Rachoy, Renee Campbell, Scott Campbell, Tammy Cheadle, Teresa Fielder, Kaycee Williamson, Cory Williamson, Rich Nidey, Peg Waggoner, Barb Miller, Katrina Burton, Jacob Baxter, David Chilcote, Cindy Baxter, Stacie Ogle, Resa Shaner, Shannon and Gerald Chalcraft, Kara Bickers, Mary Snow, Richard Snow and Penny Shaw.

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 March 6, 2025 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main St Building- Brett plans to begin work on the building this Spring.

New Business:

1) Discussion and Approval of Electric Aggregation, Javier Speaking. Javier spoke saying Ameren and the Constellation are going up. Constellation will be locked in at 11.17 cents per kw for a year. This will only affect those who are currently in the program. The reason for the increase is not enough capacity in the market. Tim made motion and Gene seconded. Yay's were JR Dunlap, Twilla Davis, Mary Michael and Gene Purcell. Tim McDaniel was a Nay. Motion passed by quorum.

2) Discussion of Lots on East Porter Street for AMVETS. Twilla Opened for discussion and Mary seconded. Twilla has been researching whether the lot for the food pantry was donated to them by the Village. The Village would like to donate the lots to the AMVETS if possible. Twilla will continue her research and keep the board informed.

3) Discussion and Approval of Improvements to Main Street Funded by Penny Shaw. Penny began by going over some beautification photos the board was given. She would like to paint the historic signs, purchase historic street/stop signs, powder coat the green lampposts black and replace bright LED bulbs with warm bulbs, and hang twinkle lights up high across Main Street. She would like to begin this work next week and complete some of this work before the video crew from the IL Dept of Tourism comes to Mullins next month. Tim made a motion and Mary seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Approval for Palestine Chamber of Commerce to use the Pavilion with sound system and chairs, Community Facility and Pioneer Room during Labor Day festivities on Saturday August 30, 2025 and Sunday August 31, 2025. Gene made motion and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval of Palestine Chamber of Commerce requesting to have the Labor Day Parade, which will allow closing of IL Rt33 at E Harrison from 9am to 12 noon on Monday September 1, 2025. Mary made motion and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion and Approval allowing the Chamber of Commerce to shut down Main Street from the Saratoga Tavern, South to the Village Hall, and from Main Street and E Harrison Street, East to the alleyway intersection from 6pm-8pm for "Brody's Night" Benefit. Gene made motion and JR seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discussion and Approval of issuing the Chamber of Commerce a license to sell alcohol at the beer tent on the West End of the Arena from 12 Noon Thursday August 28, 2025 to 1 AM Monday September 1, 2025. JR made motion and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Resident Katrina Burton to Speak. Katrina spoke on the unprofessionalism of Chief Danny Cheadle. Katrina read aloud her concerns of Mr. Cheadles conduct, intimidation tactics and overall behavior as Palestine Police Chief.

DPW REPORT: Things are going good. Lagoon is running. It had been off for several months. Luke said Tuesdays will always be brush pickup, and some Thursdays.

POLICE REPORT: Call out list was given out.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Mary Michael

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials given.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, 1 permit given.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Twilla Davis

Generator ran for 20 minutes.

Motion to go into Executive session by Gene and seconded by Tim.

Motion to go back into Regular session at 6:30PM and was made by Gene and seconded by JR.

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, JR seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 6:43 pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK