

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

JULY 3, 2025

Palestine Board of Trustees met on June 5, 2025. Trustees answering roll call were Rikki Callaway, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Scott Campbell and Staci Rachoy.

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

Visitors present: Tammy Cheadle, Haley Bricker, Teresa Fielder, Barrett Robbins, Denny Snow, Gerald Chalcraft, Kathy Clark, Steve McGahey, and Carol McGahey,

Meeting called to order by Mayor David Woods at 5:00pm.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of June 5, 2025 were accepted as presented with no additions or corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Business:

1) Resident Melvin Henry to Speak on his Sewer. Melvin cancelled.

2) Resident Denny Snow to Speak. Twilla made a motion to discuss and Scott seconded. Denny is proposing to the Village Board to allow riding 4-wheelers on the roads within the Village of Palestine, like golf carts and ATV's. Denny would like the board to consider, saying he would be willing to do modifications to be compliant with rules of the Village Ordinance.

3) Discussion and Approval of Annual Appropriation. Rikki made a motion to discussion and approval of annual appropriation and Mary seconded. Roll Call was done, voting yay was, Rikki, Mary, Staci, Twilla, Tim and Scott. Board voted unanimously to pass.

4) Discussion and Approval of Passing the New Code Book. Staci made a motion to discuss and approve the passing of the new code book and Twilla seconded. Roll Call was done, voting yay was, Rikki, Mary, Staci, Twilla, Tim and Scott. Board passed unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval of Matteson Building Being Sold. Mary made a motion to discussion and approval of Matteson building being sold and Tim seconded. The building is not in good shape and has had a lot of grant money put into it. The board was in agreeance that if someone wanted to buy it, we should sell. Those in favor of selling were Staci, Twilla, Tim, Mary, Scott and Rikki. Motion was passed unanimously.

6) Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the sale of Surplus Personal Property related to the 2022 John Deere FC15R Flex wing rotary cutter. Mary made a motion to discuss and Scott seconded. The piece of equipment is no longer needed since we are ending the lease of the tractor. Roll Call was done, voting yay was, Rikki, Mary, Staci, Twilla, Tim and Scott. Board passed unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Luke reported that after last week's storm the DPW loaded 90-100 dump trucks of brush and trees to the dump. Also the hour meter on the tractor is not working and is in need of repair. Luke spoke with Maxwell Concrete about having curbs on Main Street patched/repared.

POLICE REPORT: Chief has been busy with Ordinance Violations

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – David/Office Staff

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Expense and Income Excel Spreadsheet was given. Fund Balance Report given. Revolving Loan, all accounts are up to date on paying. Revolving Loan monthly totals were given.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys: Tim McDaniel, Chairman: Tim and Mike Richart have marked \$10,000 worth of sidewalks that need to be fixed or replaced. Mike should be starting that in the next couple of weeks.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman. Mary stated that the village was going to schedule interviews for the police deputy position.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Kerry went to a Central Illinois Municipal Clerks Organization in June and learned a lot of good information regarding FOIA. Kerry thanked the board for allowing her to attend the conference.

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Twilla Davis, Chairman. Nothing at this time.

Motion to approve monthly bills: Rikki made motion, Staci Seconded: Motion was passed unanimously.

Mary made a motion to go into Executive Session and Tim Seconded at 5:35PM.

Motion was made to go back into general session by Rikki and seconded by Staci at 5:50PM.

Regular session reconvened at 5:51PM.

Staci made a motion to approve the employee compensation and Tim seconded.

Rikki made a motion to approve the semi-annual review of executive meeting minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 and Twilla seconded. Minutes are approved but not released.

With no further business to discuss, Rikki made motion to adjourn, Tim seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:56 pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK