

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 2, 2025

Palestine Board of Trustees met on October 2, 2025. Trustees answering roll call were Rikki Callaway, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Staci Rachoy, Mary Michael, and Scott Campbell.

Staff Members present: Rita Carmouche, Kerry Watson, and Luke McNair

Visitors present: Resa Shaner, Lacey Watt, and Jerri Woosley.

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

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

Roll call taken

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

Rikki moved to accept the Minutes of the September 4, 2025 board meeting and Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Business:

- 1) Discussion and Approval of Trunk or Treat on Main Street and Trick or Treat Hours for Halloween. Rikki opened discussion and approval and Staci seconded. In the past Trick or Treat and Trunk or Treat on Main Street has been held on the 31st from 5pm to 8pm. Same was passed for this year. All trustees voted yay. Motion carried.
- 2) Discussion and Approval Sand and Salt Shed for DPW. Tim opened discussion and approval and Mary seconded. We have 3 bids, Yoders Construction is \$32,900, Hershberger's is \$21,400, and Ronnie Harrington (D & P Masonry) is \$23,873. This will be a 3 sided pole shed. The requested and approved grant amount from DCEO was \$24,600. The board decided they would like Ronnie Harrington do the work since he is local. Tim made the motion to hire Ronnie Harrington and Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Discussion and Approval of Pump Repair for Lift Station. Tim opened discussion and approval and Staci seconded. The influent pump at the Lagoon failed. To repair the pump it will cost approximately \$8,000. To purchase a new pump will cost approximately \$18,000. After being inspected, the seals need to be replaced. Taylor said he can do the work and save the Village labor costs. We are using a back-up pump currently until we get the old pump repaired. Tim made a motion to have Taylor do the work to save us money and Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) Discussion and Approval of selling 3 Lots. Staci opened discussion and approval and Mary seconded. There are 3 Lots across from Green Construction that the Village currently owns. There are 2 Lots together and 1 Lot that is separate. We need to decide if we should sell them separately, which may cost more, or sell all 3 Lots together as one. On the bigger lot the Village used to burn brush on it and there was also a dumping station for sewer waste. These lots have not been used in

many years for these purposes. Twilla made the motion to sell all three lots as one and Staci seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval of Pay increase for Trustees per year plus a possible "special meeting" pay. Twilla opened discussion and approval and Tim seconded. There has not been a raise for the Board of Trustees in several years. Surrounding towns all pay trustees more than we do, with committee meetings the board feels it is necessary to raise the yearly salary to \$1500. Twilla made the motion to raise the yearly pay for board members to \$1500 per year and Tim seconded. Voting aye's were Twilla Davis, Rikki Callaway, Staci Rachoy, Mary Michael, Tim McDaniel. Nay vote from Scott Campbell. Motion carried.

DPW REPORT: Luke: This month we spotted water bubbling up from the ground by Surrells Trading Post at the corner of Grand Prairie and Lincoln. After observation, a clay pipe had busted where it flares out and connects with other pipe. We hydro-patched it, put gravel and put concrete back in. We are preparing for the Wine Fest.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle was absent but call log was given.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Rikki Callaway

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Fund Balance Report given. Revolving Loan financials and monthly totals were given. Kerry submitted a grant to Leo Herning Foundation to get Caleb's Police Academy paid for in the amount of \$7,407.10. We are hoping to hear from that this month.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys: Tim McDaniel, Chairman: Mike Richart is finished with sidewalks. We went a little over budget this year.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman. Kerry wanted to add that Caleb is doing very well in the Academy, maintaining an A.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman. No new FOIA's

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Twilla Davis, Chairman.

Motion to approve monthly bills: Rikki made a motion to approve and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Other: Fall clean-up will be October 21st for all paid up Republic customers.

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, Rikki seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:35 pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK