

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 8, 2026

Palestine Board of Trustees met on January 8, 2026 at 5 pm. Trustees answering roll call were Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Twilla Davis, Staci Rachoy, Scott Campbell, Rikki Callaway being a few minutes tardy, showing up at 5:06 pm.

Staff Members present: Kerry Watson, Danny Cheadle and Luke McNair.

Visitors present: Penny Shaw, Haley Bricker and Kathy Clark.

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 by the Kerry Watson the Village Clerk.

Minutes were taken by Kerry Watson the Village Clerk.

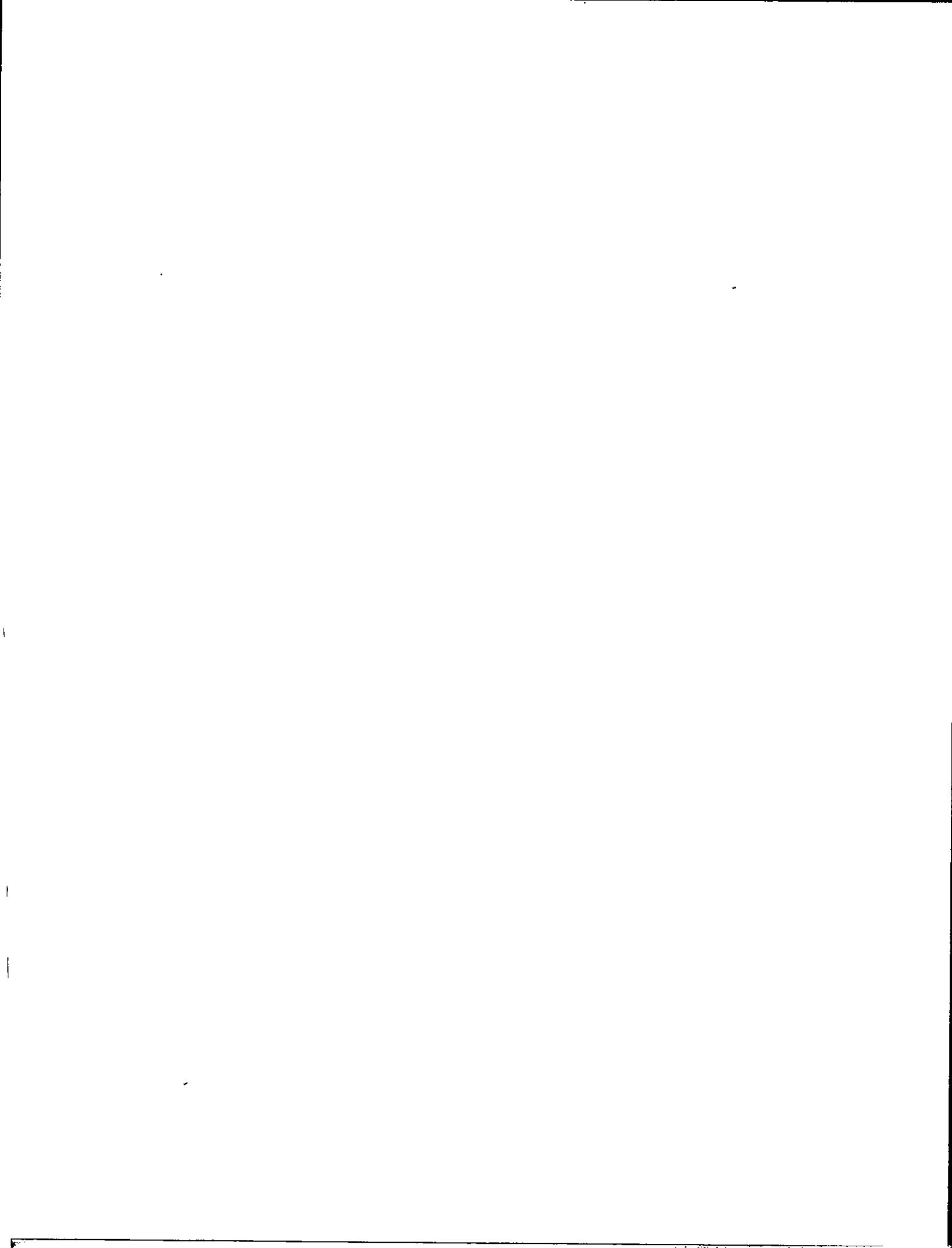
Tim moved to accept the Minutes of the December 4, 2025 board meeting and Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Business:

- 1) Carol Holbert Presenting of our Audit Report. Carol discussed the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Financial Report. Carol reports a "Clean Opinion" audit for the Village of Palestine. Audit report was given to board members. Carol says she will send an email to Kerry for the renewal of the contract for the Village.
- 2) Discussion and Approval of Audit Report. Rikki made a motion and Staci seconded. No additional discussion was needed. Board approved unanimously. Motion carried.
- 3) Discussion and Approval of Amvets Moving their Flat Pole to their new location on Main Street. Rikki made motion to discuss and approve, Mary seconded. Amvets want to move the flag pole to the front of their new location at 212 S Main Street. Penny has agreed to pay for any damages that may happen during the move of the flag pole. Board voted unanimously, motion carried.
- 4) Discussion and Approval of the Sale of the Old Squad Car. Rikki made the motion to discuss and approve and Mary seconded. The Village would like to sell the 2016 Ford Interceptor. It has +120,000 miles on it. It will need to go up for sealed bids once the equipment and decals are taken off of it. Board voted unanimously to sell, motion carried.

DPW REPORT: Luke: DPW got the leaf vac put away for the year, but a clinoid for the hydraulic controller went out and will have to be fixed before being used again next fall. Sewer pump is finished and will be installed soon. Luke completed his testing for "General Standards" and "Right-of-Way" for pesticide applicator licensing. Cory will start his tests in the next couple weeks.



POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle: CAD sheet was given. New officer Caleb Higgins is doing his "field training" with Dan. This training lasts 14 weeks.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Twilla Davis

Other: The Mayor was asked if Sage had been setup in the office for a second user. David responded by saying he will be working on that to get that implemented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys: Tim McDaniel, Chairman: There was one building permit issued to Mont Eagle Mills.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Twilla Davis, Chairman. There was a sewer plug that was worked on in Nov/Dec on the South side of the high school by the alleyway.

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

Other: Scott was asking who the treasurer is, David said he would be working on getting Rita's computer setup with our accounting software, Sage.

Motion to go into Executive Session was made at 5:47 pm by Tim and seconded by Staci.

Motion to return to Regular Session was made at 5:51 pm by Tim and seconded by Staci.

Motion to approve the semi-annual executive meeting minutes was made by Rikki and seconded by Mary. The board voted unanimously. Motion carried. Minutes were approved but not released.

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, and Rikki seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:52pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK

