

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 5, 2026

Palestine Board of Trustees met on February 5, 2026 at 5 pm. Trustees answering roll call were Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Twilla Davis, Scott Campbell, Rikki Callaway and Staci Rachoy is absent.

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

Visitors present: Taylor Pinkston, Haley Bricker, Leo Stoltz and Sheila Tracy

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.

Rikki moved to accept the Minutes of the January 8, 2026 board meeting and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **New Business:**

1) Open and Approve Sealed Bids for the Sale of 2016 Squad Car. Mary made motion to open and approve sealed bids for 2016 squad car, Twilla seconded. Mayor David opened the sealed bids in order in which they were received. The first bid was for \$3001.00, made by Curtis Rodgers, second bid was \$850.00, made by Ringwood Motors, and the third bid was for \$1378.18, made by Emergency Remarketing, Brett Patti (President). Tim made a motion to approve the bid for \$3,001.00 made by Curtis Rodgers and Rikki seconded. Motion carried unanimously

2) Discussion and Decision/Action of Approving 2026 Motor Fuel Tax Budget. Kerry has worked on the MFT budget to get it more realistic with the monies we receive. The chip and seal being left off of the MFT budget last year and this year has helped make this possible. Kerry explained if we stay under the amount we actually receive, which is approximately \$55,000/year, we can accumulate the money just in case there is a more costly project in the future. The Motor Fuel Tax Fund checking account currently has \$45,238.77 accumulated in it. Roll call was done, all present board members voted in favor of the 2026 MFT budget. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Decision/Action of Approving the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wabash Wine and Arts Festival. Scott made the motion to discuss and approve and Tim seconded. No discussion was needed, all board members present voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

**DPW REPORT:** Luke: DPW- Snow removal was a success. The DPW crew worked many hours removing the snow, we had approximately 12". They had approximately 60 hours of overtime in total. The backup pump at the lagoon is functioning appropriately. Taylor thinks the new impeller will be in in the next couple of weeks so he can finish fixing the pump and get it back to the lagoon. Salt will

need to be ordered this June or July. Luke and Kerry are checking on best prices and places to get the salt.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Cheadle: CAD sheet was given. Danny said Caleb is doing a great job. Scott and Twilla had a couple questions regarding the CAD sheet, what the “school calls” meant and what it meant by “animal control”. Danny calls dispatch when he is doing school patrol and the animal control call was a resident calling dispatch reporting dog at large. Danny responded to call and found owner.

**PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Staci Rachoy**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Kerry Watson, Chairman. All parties are paid up to date on the Revolving Loans. The Revolving Loan Committee, which consists of Steve McGahey, Jim Kincaid, Larry Surrells and Mayor David, met on 1-20-2026 with the owner of Home Plate, Leonard Daugherty. Leonard was asking the board if they could lower their payment to the Village until they get things straightened out. Business had not been doing well for the last year. The board voted to let them pay \$160 per month instead of \$328.15 for the time being, as long as they needed. This will start February 1, 2026. A new agreement was signed by Home Plate. Carol Holbert is sending a new contract to be signed for her Audit services to Kerry. Fund Balance report given and General Ledgers for Sewer and General Fund of all expenses and deposits.

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys:** Tim McDaniel, Chairman: There was 1 new building permit issued in January for a deck. Tim expressed to the DPW what a great job was done on the snow.

**Employee Relations Committee:** Mary Michael, Chairman. Nothing new at this time.

**FOIA/OMA Officers:** Kerry Watson, Chairman. Had one FOIA this month.

**Ordinance/Grant Committee:**

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Twilla Davis, Chairman. Just awaiting new impeller.

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

**Other:**

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, and Rikki seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:23pm.

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PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK