

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 4, 2026

Palestine Board of Trustees met on May 7, 2026 at 6 pm. Trustees answering roll call were Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Twilla Davis, Staci Rachoy, Scott Campbell, and Rikki Callaway.

Staff Members present: Kerry Watson and Danny Cheadle.

Visitors present: Kris Monan, Resa Shaner, Alex Monan, Penny Shaw.

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 May 7, 2026 board meeting and Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Business:

1) Discussion and Decision/Action of keeping board meeting start time at 5pm or moving to 6pm. Rikki made a motion and Tim seconded. No discussion or questions. All were in favor of keeping meeting start time at 5pm. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion and Decision/Action of fiscal year 2026-2027 Appropriation and Budget. Staci made motion and Rikki seconded. Change was made on Sewer Budget to add the Maintenance Agreement line for OmniSite. Roll Call was taken and all board members voted in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Decision/Action of Rita and Lukes annual raise. Tim made a motion and Staci seconded. The annual compensation recommendation has not been submitted by the personnel committee. The personnel committee will meet as soon as possible to come up with a recommendation and the board will have a special meeting to implement. Staci made a motion to table and Scott seconded.

4) Discussion and Decision/Action of whether to hire summer help for DPW. Tim made a motion and Rikki seconded. The board decided that DPW should have summer help every year, to help prep for Labor Day and cover vacations. We will advertise and hire as soon as possible. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

5) Discussion of future plans for the Sewer Infrastructure, by Resa Shaner. Resa suggested an Infrastructure Reserve Fund. The sewer rate adjustments will contribute to sewer improvements, repairs and upgrades to the sewer system. Resa handed out a folder with great information for the board members and explained she is happy to help Palestine in this process, should we move forward with a 5-year plan.

DPW REPORT: Luke: Luke was absent

POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle: Absent

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Twilla Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Kennedy, Bantican and Home Plate are paid up to date on the Revolving Loans.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance Streets, Sidewalks and Alleys: Tim McDaniel, Chairman: Tim said Mike Richart said he would be getting to the sidewalks they discussed before Labor Day.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman. Absent

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

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Twilla Davis, Chairman. Nothing new this month.

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

Other: A member of the audience, Kris Monan, discussed his continued concern for his neighbors that have people living in their garage. He would like to see something done about it.

With no further business to discuss, Staci made motion to adjourn, and Tim seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:53pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK