

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 2, 2020

5:00 PM

Palestine Board of Trustees held this meeting via e-mail, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Trustees answering roll call were J.R. Dunlap, Brian Nethery, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Gene Purcell and Twilla Davis.

Staff Members present: Shirley Adams, Village Clerk, Patricia Schofield, Mayor's Consultant, Stacey Myers, Utility Clerk, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent and Chief Besing.

Visitors present: N/A

Meeting called to order by Mayor Byrley.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

The Minutes of March 5, 2020, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Review and approve the Ordinance to remove property in preparation of the bridge repairs/replacement on South Main St. Mary Michael moved that we approve Ordinance 2020-O-01, for the bridge repairs/replacement on South Main. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) LED sign update – J.R. Dunlap. Nothing to report at this time.

3) Formally approve Phone Poll (March 9, 2020) for the blacktop sealant for the 4 blocks on Main St. Brian Nethery made a Motion to approve blacktop/sealant to be put down on Main Street. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes and one nay vote by J.R. Dunlap

4) Formally approve Phone Poll (March 27, 2020) for Mark Wiseman's request for curbside sales/service. J.R. Dunlap made a motion for approval of Mark Wiseman's request for curbside sales/service. Twilla Davis seconded motion. Motion carried with 5 ayes and one nay by Tim McDaniel.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Notice: There will be no Formal Trustees' Board Meeting held for the April 2, 2020, meeting due to the Coronavirus stipulations. The meeting will be held by e-mail on Thursday, with time for any questions, etc. The Mayor will open the meeting by e-mail and Shirley will take care of all calls. The meeting will begin during the day and you will have time throughout the day, or evening, to field any questions you may have, remembering to include everyone in your e-mail. We will try to hold it as close to the meeting guidelines as possible.

2) Note: Shirley will handle the Budget Meeting in the same manner as the Board Meeting. She will be sending all the information to you via e-mail so you will have plenty of time to look at it, and if you

have any questions, you can send them back by e-mail, remembering to include everyone in your e-mail.

3) Approve the FY 2020-2021 Village of Palestine Budget, as presented (via e-mail). The consensus was to accept the Budget as presented. However, a formal motion to approve the Budget will be made during our May Board Meeting.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeff Besing.

As some of you know already, our new Patrol Officer, Jacob McGinness, was sent home from the academy on March 16th as they closed all training academies due to the COVID-19 VIRUS. Jacob was just completing Week #10 and his first 8 hours of training with the patrol rifle. He had completed the first phase of his duty weapon training and qualified the first round but since all recruits still need the second round of firearm training and a couple of additional weapon training modules, they are not allowed to carry a firearm yet.

Since Jacob's return, he has been riding around with Jeff learning the street layouts of the Village, he is doing on-line computer training for the academic portion of his academy here at the station during his shifts. We have practiced building searches at the high school and grade school. Jeff has been training him on their computer report management system (Spillman). They have been making vehicle stops with Jacob using the radio calling into dispatch to get him comfortable with talking on the radio. He assisted me interviewing the complaint with the Retail Theft case at Casey's, getting him used to obtaining information from victims/complainant's for report purposes. On March 31st, Jeff Made several different traffic and criminal scenarios on paper and had him complete the traffic citations and the criminal complaint forms along with the information affidavit and he did a fine job.

Jacob has secured a rental house here in Palestine and will moving down within the next few weeks. The Chief is really pleased with Jacob's performance, attitude and confidence in his role as a police officer. He feels he will make a great police officer for our Village.

As for the reduction in everyday travels with the public, we have noticed a big drop in the amount of traffic. Our community is taking this COVID-19 seriously and doing their part. Since school has been out, they have been having problems with kids out late at night gaining entry into vehicles. He has 3 juvenile suspects in these cases and hopefully they will be able to put a stop to it in short order. Educating the community to keep their vehicles locked and remove their expensive items is the hardest part.

**FYI: Spring Clean-Up was scheduled for April 29th, however due to the Coronavirus, it has been postponed until further notice, per Republic.
Fall Clean-Up - October 28th (as of now).**

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – APRIL – MARY MICHAEL

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

Employee Relations Committee: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman – All complete.

Ordinance Committee: Pat Schofield.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. Twilla Davis seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

PRESIDENT

CLERK