

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 10, 2022

Palestine Board of Trustees met on February 10, 2022. Trustees answering roll call were J.R. Dunlap, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Gene Purcell and Brian Nethery.

Staff Members present: Shirley Adams, Village Deputy Clerk and Stacey Myers, Village Clerk and Chief Jeff Besing.

Visitors present were Resa Shaner, Ron Brock and Taylor Pinkston.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Byrley.

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

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of January, 2022, were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Discuss and Approve Proposed Upgrade for Sewer Infrastructure. Brian Nethery made a motion to approve the upgrade for sewer infrastructure. Mary Michael seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

1) Discuss and Approve contract with Pest Solutions to treat the sand/salt shed. (The contract was approved for the barn at the December meeting). J.R. Dunlap made a motion to approve the Pest Solutions contract. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Ron Brock-AmVets are requesting approval for them to put in a ramp into the building to be wheel chair accessible. Ron informed the trustees that the AmVets are wanting to put in a ramp to help with the 2" difference to step up to get into the building. The AmVets would cover all cost and replacement of the concrete that would have to be taken out and replaced for the insulation of the ramp. J.R. Dunlap made a motion to approve the installation of a ramp at the AmVets. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discuss and approve the estimate from Stevenson's Home Repair to build the office for the Police Dept. and board up the old garage door in the Pioneer Room. Tim McDaniel made a motion to approve the estimate from Stevenson's Home Repair. Brian Nethery seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**DPW REPORT:** Taylor Pinkston was present to discuss with the trustees an emergency situation with the LaMotte St. Lift station. The wiring at the station is not in proper conduit and is a "tangled" mess. Further, the lift station is in need of float repairs and electrical repairs. A proposal from Vandevanter was given verbally for \$5,395.00. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the emergency repair to the LaMotte lift station. Twilla Davis seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jeff Besing.

Chief Besing reported that he would like to apply for a USDA squad car grant to purchase a 2023 Ford

Interceptor Police Vehicle. This process takes a year to complete. The new squad car would cost \$53,790.00 when ordered but if approved for the federal grant, the federal grant would pay \$29,584.50 and the Village's share would be \$24,205.50 approximately. The extra equipment would be acquired through a Mary Heath grant. He further indicated that he would like to keep the 2016 squad car as a backup car for the department. In the case of the juvenile vandalism that occurred December 29<sup>th</sup>, two of the juveniles have confessed their involvement and agreed to pay restitution. The third juvenile would not cooperate so was forwarded to the States Attorney. With the super bowl approaching the Eagles, Saratoga and Gatter Brewing have all obtained special permits to stay open later on that Sunday. Lastly, the construction materials are in for the construction to begin on the new Palestine Police Department offices.

## **PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY –February 2022 – Brian Nethery**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget and Finance Committee:** Stacey Myers, Chairman. The January Financial Reports were passed out to Trustees.

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. No building permits were issued.

**Employee Relations Committee:** J.R. Dunlap, Chairman. The process of obtaining applications for the position for DPW is in process with a deadline of February 18, 2022. The DPW is looking to hire two position one full time and one part time.

**FOIA/OMA Officers:** Stacey Myers, Chairman. The website is up and running.

**Ordinance/Grant Committee:** Pat Schofield. Absent

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

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Brian Nethery, Chairman.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

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PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK