

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 1, 2022

Palestine Board of Trustees met on September 1, 2022. Trustees answering roll call were J.R. Dunlap, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery, Gene Purcell and Twilla Davis.

Staff Members present: Stacey Myers, Rita Carmouche Kelly Tucker and Chief Besing.

Visitors present were Resa Shaner, Taylor Pinkston and Kathy Clark.

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 August 2022 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Old Business. Bridge Update- Work is expected to begin soon.

2) Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance to Amend chapter 34 of the Village of Palestine Code, Amending 34.17: Extending Hours for liquor Sales within the Village of Palestine, Illinois. Ordinance No. 2022-O-03. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the amendment to the Liquor Ordinance Chapter 34 of the Village of Palestine Code. Tim McDaniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1) Discussion and Approval- New Software Program from CUSI to Update our Sewer Billing System. Stacey spoke to the trustees about the current sewer billing software and the fact that it is a thirty plus year old software that is no longer supported by Microsoft. She stated that the new upgraded software would allow for online payments to be made by a debit or credit card within a portal system. The new billing system would allow several upgraded options for the Village of Palestine residents. The cost for the new sewer billing program is an initial cost of \$9,760.00 and an annual fee of \$1,400.00 per year. The ARPA Rescue Fund monies can be used for purchase. Mary Michael made a motion to approve the new CUSI sewer billing system. Brian Nethery seconded. The Motion carried unanimously.

2) Judy Burroughs-McCord-Zoning Questions. Judy Burroughs-McCord did not show up to address the trustees.

3) Resa Shaner-Discussion of participation of Housing Study with Robinson and other Communities. Robinson has approved a survey to be conducted to collect data to determine what the housing needs are in the community. This would be a 100 page report with data on the community needs specific to each town/village. It would cost the Village of Palestine around \$2,000.00 which could be paid out of the ARPA Rescue Fund. It was general consensus that The Village of Palestine participate in the study.

4) Palestine High School requests the use of the Community Facility for the Homecoming Dance, to be held on Saturday September 17th, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the Palestine High School request to use the Community Facility for the homecoming dance on Saturday

September 17th, 2022. Twilla Davis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion-Street Sweeper. Mayor Rob spoke to the trustees about the issue of the street sweeper being down and not working at this time. Mayor Rob has offered to fix the street sweeper over the winter for just the cost of parts. This would save the Village a huge repair bill.

DPW REPORT: Kelly Tucker. The DPW has been busy with preparation for Labor Day.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Besing stated that PPD have everything in order and ready to go for the annual Labor Day weekend along with having the Crawford County Auxiliary Deputies scheduled to help over the holiday weekend.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY –September 2022 – Gene Purcell

FYI: Fall Clean-up is October 18th, for paid up customers only.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Stacey Myers, Chairman. Carol was here to do the annual audit August 30th and 31st, she will be here at the October meeting to present the audit and new contract.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. One building permit was issued.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Stacey Myers, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Two sidewalks have been replaced thus far this year. Dave Maxwell should be here in October to do the rest of the sidewalk replacements scheduled for this year.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman. Stated that he, Taylor, Stacey and Mayor Rob have meet with Connor and Conner about a possible Sewer Grant up to \$500,000. This would be used to do upgrading to our Lagoon. The grant would require the Village of Palestine to pay all engineering fees with is roughly 20% of the awarding grant amount.

With no further business to discuss, Tim McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK