

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 4, 2023

Palestine Board of Trustees met on May 4, 2023. Trustees answering roll call were J.R. Dunlap, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Gene Purcell and Twilla Davis and Brian Nethery.

Staff Members present: Stacey Myers, Rita Carmouche, Jake McGuinness and Luke McNair.

Visitors present were Taylor Pinkson.

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 April 2023 were accepted as presented.

Swearing in of New Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) No Old Business. The next phase should begin on the Main Street Building soon, still waiting on contractor.

New Business:

1) Discussion and Approval of FY 2023-2024 Appropriations and Tax Levy. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 Appropriations and Tax Levy 2023-2024. Mary Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion and Approval of the Request from The Palestine Chamber to use the Pavilion with Sound System and Chairs; the Community Facility and Pioneer Room During the Labor Day festivities on Saturday September 2nd and 3rd 2023. J.R. Dunlap made a motion to approve the 2023 Palestine Chamber Labor Day request. Tim McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Approval of the Palestine Chamber Request to have the Labor Day Parade, which will allow closing of IL Rt.33 from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Labor Day Monday September4, 2023. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the Labor Day Parade request. J.R. Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Official Approval of the PPD Squad Car Grant. Tim McDaniel made a motion to approve the PPD Squad Car Grant. Mary Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion of Possible Sewer Infrastructure Grant and Sewer Rate Increase. Village Clerk Stacey Myers and Mayor Rob had a meeting with Greater Wabash inquiring a sewer infrastructure grant. During this meeting it was discovered that our current sewer rate of \$17.00 a month, does not meet federal qualifications. In order to apply for any and all grants for sewer infrastructure improvements the sewer rate needs to be raised to \$34.75, which was the 2022 figure likely to raise for 2023.

6) Approval of Ordinance 2023-O-03 Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Palestine. Tim McDaniel made a motion to approve the Ordinance. J.R. Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Approval of Ordinance 2023-O-04 Payment of Cable Service Provider Fees in the Village of Palestine. Brian Nethery made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Gene Purcell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Luke McNair stated that the DPW new truck was in the shop to fix a welding issue on the dump bed. Also, the GMC has been in the shop due to needing a new fuel pump. Luke reported that they have been busy patching streets and are finally caught up on brush pick up. Lastly, the EPA did an inspection of the Palestine Sewer Lagoon and we were given a good report and no violations.

POLICE REPORT: Officer McGuinness reported that they had been busy giving ordinance tickets for high grass and abandoned vehicles.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY –May 2023 – Tim McDaniel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Stacey Myers, Chairman.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Stacey Myers, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee: Stacey Myers, Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Stated that as soon as MFT monies is available work will begin.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman.

Mayor Rob and Stacey addressed the Trustees about a proposal they were given by Erik Erickson regarding approval of a Dispensary here in the Village of Palestine. This would bring in more revenue for the Village as well as other businesses. It was general concusses that this would be a good addition the Village of Palestine.

A Motion was made by Mayor Rob to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 2 © (1) personnel at 5:27pm

Motion was made to go back to General Session.

With no further business to discuss, Mary Michael made a motion to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.



PRESIDENT



VILLAGE CLERK