

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 6, 2023

Palestine Board of Trustees met on April 6, 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, Luke McNair and Chief Besing.

Visitors present were Resa Shaner and Bill Burke.

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 March 2023 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

New Business:

1) Final Approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General fund Budget and Sewer Budget. Brian Nethery made a motion to approve the FY Budgets 2023-2024. J.R. Dunlap seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Official Approval of Phone Poll for the 2023 Motor Fuel Tax budget. Mary Michael made a motion to approve the 2023 Motor fuel Budget. Brian Nethery seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Official Approval of the Phone Poll for the PPD Squad Car Repairs. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the PPD Squad Car Repairs. Tim McDaniel 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 and Approval for the Sale of surplus Equipment. This would include the sale of a Honda four-wheeler, street sweeper, GMC truck and a tractor. Brian Nethery made a motion to approve the sale of surplus equipment. Tim McDaniel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion on Electric Take Back Dates. Trustees decided to try doing the Electronic take back dates once a month to see how that works out, then adjust according to the need of the community.

DPW REPORT: Luke McNair stated that the DPW had been busy with clearing trees and maintain the sewer system after the tornado last Friday night. It was discovered during the disaster that more road closer and barricades were need. Also, the DPW is in the need of new Air Packs to be in compliance with OSHA. Chief Besing stated that he would contact Marathon about a possible grant to purchase the Air Packs due the expense. In addition, the DPW received the new John Deere Gator.

Lastly, the DPW will be taking applications for seasonal summer help to help with the mowing.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Besing reported that he and Officer McGuinness provided 24hr patrol coverage during the Tornado that struck the Village causing a power outage. In addition, he has posted on social media that they will be patrolling the neighborhoods beginning May 1, 2023 looking for ordinance violations.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY –April 2023 – Mary Michael.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Stacey Myers, Chairman. Financials were handed out.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman. The DPW will be taking applications for seasonal help.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Stacey Myers, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee: Stacey Myers. Chief Besing and Stacey have completed the paperwork to be submitted for the PPD Squad Car Grant.

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.

Bill Burke addressed the Trustees about joining a county wide residential enterprise zone. This would save new construction sales tax as well as a real estate tax break for five years. General concusses was given to Mr. Burke for further information and possible involvement from The Village of Palestine.

With no further business to discuss, Mary Michael made a motion to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK