

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 1, 2023

Palestine Board of Trustees met on June 1, 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, Erik Erickson, Kristi Nethery, Alissa Nethery, Scott Campbell and Susan Goodwin.

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 May 2023 were accepted as presented.

Opening of the sealed bids for the sale of Village equipment. Carol Guyer won the bid at \$3,651.98 for the 2009 Honda Rancher Four Wheeler. Brian Nethery won the bid at \$2,125.00 for the 1997 GMC 3500 Dump Truck. D. J. Byrley won the bid at \$5,811.00 for the 1998 John Deere Tractor/Loader. Gene Purcell made a motion to accept the bids. Twilla Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) No Old Business. The next phase has begun on the Main Street Building to secure the front of the building.

New Business:

1) Official Approval of Phone Poll Porter St. Lift Station Repairs. Tim McDaniel made a motion to approve the Porter St. lift Station Repair Phone Poll. Twilla Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Renewal of Taylor Pinkson's One Year Contract. Mary Michael made a motion to approve the contract. Tim McDaniel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Approval of Dispensary within Village Limits. Erik Erickson addressed the trustees on the regulations and plan of the Dispensary. Discussion included the revenue that the Village of Palestine could possibly bring in due to having a Dispensary facility in the Village. Brian Nethery contacted another town researching the pros and cons of a dispensary. (Information was printed out for the Trustees). J.R. Dunlap made a motion to approve the dispensary within Village limits. Brian Nethery seconded the motion. Motion carried with Tim McDaniel being only Nay.

4) Discussion of Possible Increase for Sewer Rates. It was brought to the Trustees attention that the Village of Palestine does not qualify for any grants due to our low sewer rate charged. The rate needs to be at \$34.75 per 5,000 gallons. The current Sewer System is in need of updating and repair are very expensive when they occur.

5) Discussion of Contracted Street Sweeper Issues. The Village hired a Street Sweeping company to

clean our streets. Although they did a good job the sweeper he used created lots of dust and took over 8 hours to complete. Robinson has the ability to provide this service at approx. \$130-\$150 an hr. It was discussion among the Trustees to look into Robinson providing our street sweeping.

6) Update on Dilapidated Properties and Vehicles. Chief Besing and Jake have started issuing Ordinance Citations. Our Lawyers have issued letter to the Ervin's regarding their properties.

DPW REPORT: Luke McNair stated that the DPW received the new mower and it has made a huge difference in the efficiency of Village mowing and ground keeping. However, the utility trailer the DPW has, the mower does not fit on it. Summer help has started and is doing well. They have been busy power washing the community facility decorative concrete to get ready to seal.

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

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY –June 2023 – Twilla Davis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Stacey Myers, Chairman. The new Trustees still need to complete OMA training.

Ordinance/Grant Committee: Stacey Myers, Chairman. Stacey continues to work on the Squad car grant and it is in underwriting at this time with USDA.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Hopefully Maxwell Concrete will be starting sidewalks soon.

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 5:58pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK