



## MEETING MINUTES

### *PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL*

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164

March 17, 2025

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDSEY HENSON  
COUNCIL V PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN  
COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE  
COUNCILOR ANTHONY GIGER  
COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON

CLERK-TREASURER ABSENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS  
UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL

PUBLIC PRESENT: SEE ATTACHED

Council President Lindsey Henson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Jon Query with HWC addressed the Council and updated about the water reservoir project. It will be a 1.5 million gallon tank to replace the current 1 million gallon concrete ground reservoir that was constructed in the early 1940's. Permits have been submitted to IDEM. He has been speaking with Steve Brock and bond council. Bids will go out in May and due May 29. Mr. Query hopes to break ground this fall and should be done around fall 2026. He gave Council a letter for their review and signature for SRF and a certification that states the Town will follow SRF requirements.

Diana Bryant would like to see animal crossing signs and deer crossing signs on Hinshaw and Lakeview. Mrs. Bryant said animals get hit a lot because people go too fast.

Shawn Seals, chair of White Lake Conservancy, stated the White Lake Conservancy board does not support the potential change in the ordinance allowing chickens. Mr. Seals said there has not been enough transparency in the matter. Council Vice President Bryan Tearman informed Mr.

Seals that the topic had only been presented last month. Town Attorney Lee Robbins spoke and said the Town Council would be the committee that votes on ordinances. If there is a change in a zoning ordinance, it first must go to a public hearing at the planning commission level. There has not been an application submitted yet. The Town Council can initiate a change in zoning ordinance and refer the matter to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission would hold a public hearing if an application is submitted, and then inform the Town Council their recommendation. The Town Council will then decide if they want to accept their recommendation or not. Councilor Anthony Giger stated he made a post about chickens because a lot of residents do not go to the meetings or read the minutes and he wanted to have residents come to the meeting to express their opinions. Council Charlie Bourne stated we have a lot of wild animals and if residents start having chickens, he is afraid they might attract more wild life like bobcats. Councilor Kevin Harrison stated the Planning Commission has revisions and recommendations on several ordinances.

Kim Osbourne stated she is going to participate in the clean up on Nineveh Road and she would like to have signs posted not to litter or there will be a fine. Marshal Southers stated that part of Nineveh Road is the County's responsibility, but he takes it upon himself to organize a crew to clean it. He also said the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are going to clean up around Dollar General.

Rayna Cox stated the neighbors have chickens for over a year and they have trash all over their yard. She said she has reported it and was told by Marshal Southers that there is nothing he can do about it because it is not part of his job. Building Inspector Phil Montarsi stated he has spoken with Mrs. Cox about the neighbors and has never noticed the trash, but can come by again to check.

Nicole Adkins stated she supports residents having chickens, but no roosters.

Brandon Smithy said he supports the chickens and Marshal Southers said he is against the chickens.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Council President Henson motioned to approve the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Charlie Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

#### **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:**

Marshal Greg Southers spoke about SB 1185. This bill effects reserve officers. The reserves are supposed to go through a 40 hour pre basic training and spend one year to two years with a full-time officer. They are not getting the one to two year training and they are being release as officers to work security details. The bill states the reserve officers will only have police powers within the city/town limits and will not be allowed to work off duty security. They can respond outside of town limits on emergency basses. Marshal Southers stated that if a reserve officer checks the Prince's Lakes Utility building and see a car with a person slumped over, he would not be able to respond since the building is outside of town limits. He and Officer Vest are going to talk with Senators about how this bill will impact smaller communities.

### **WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:**

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. Jenni Ruiz stated she did not know a pipe had burst and her bill is \$4200.00. Mrs. Ruiz asked Council for a credit or payment plan option. Mr. Blackwell stated her bill was \$4287.32 and have already given her a \$2568.53 for the wastewater portion. The remaining balance is \$1718.79. Mr. Blackwell stated the Town has \$3.00 per thousand gallons to treat the water. Tanner Thompson represented the Poole family that had a burst pipe and caused a large bill, Mr. Tanner is asking for a credit back on the water portion. Mr. Blackwell stated they completed the Consumer Confidence Report. He submitted the letter to the State Board of Health about removing fluoride out of our water. They will be finished with the hydrant flushing soon and have received several of the new hydrants. Town of Edinburgh contacted Mr. Blackwell and told him they have been undercharging us for electricity and those increases will need to be a factor if we have a water rate increase. He also said Camp Atterbury will take tower one in the event of an emergency. They would like it in writing from Prince's Lakes that they would be legally allowed to do that. Camp Atterbury would also like us to bill them for the 750,000 gallons of water. Mr. Blackwell asked if Council wanted to agree to it and if Mr. Robbins would draft up an agreement. Mr. Robbins stated he would, but the contract should come from Camp Atterbury since they are the one requesting the change. Mr. Blackwell asked Council if he can have Rose and Walker spray foam the wastewater barn for \$13,575.00

- Councilor Giger made a motion to charge \$3.00 per thousand gallon plus the regular bill and credit back the rest to Mrs. Ruiz. Also allow Mr. Blackwell to figure out the amount of the credit and adjust her bill. President Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Councilor Giger made a motion to charge \$3.00 per thousand gallon plus the regular bill and credit back the rest for the Pool Family. Also allow Mr. Blackwell to figure out the amount of the credit and adjust Mr. Pool's bill. Council President Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Henson made a motion to allow Mr. Blackwell to spend up to \$13,575.00 to spray foam the wastewater barn. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Street Department Supervisor Terry West was absent. Councilor Harrison stated CCMG was granted for \$86,228.45. Mr. Harrison said he and Mr. Bourne had a meeting with Mr. West about his ninety-day evaluation and they offered him a pay increase to \$47,500.00. Mr. Giger asked why no other council members were asked or informed about the meeting? He said they need to inform the other council members if they do that in future because they are a body not just two members. Mr. Tearman stated he was very disappointed to learn that they did that without consulting any other council members and finding out about it after it already happened. He stated that he and Mrs. Henson are the ones that get emailed by our residents with complaints about the street department and would have liked to be involved in that meeting as well. Mr. Bourne stated that and Mr. Harrison were appointed to observe the street department supervisor. Mr. Giger stated it does not matter because they are not the council, it is the five of

them. Mrs. Henson stated she always sends emails to the rest of the Council when she gets complaints or any news and would have appreciated being informed.

- Councilor Harrison made a motion to increase Street Supervisor Terry West's salary from \$45,000.00 to \$47,500.00 retroactive to March 3. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:**

Mrs. Henson presented General, Utilities, February 27, 2025 & March 13, 2025, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$199,174.85, \$437,275.51, \$42,852.31, \$45,394.09. HWC invoice #3 for \$22,200.00 and invoice #5 for \$42,000.00 and Jerrell Consulting for \$7,500.00. Mrs. Henson informed Council that the invoice for Jerrell Consulting will be paid from SRF funds and not from the Town.

- Councilor Giger motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve HWC and Jerrell Consulting as presented. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

- No report given


### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mike Gallamore stated the park board has a contract with the little league. Mr. West has spoken to them about Town responsibilities and the little league responsibilities. Mr. Gallamore stated ADA compliance, fixing the fence and other maintenance items that need to be fixed should come out of the Town's budget for the park and not the money raised by the park board. Mrs. Henson asked Mr. Gallamore if the park board was planning on charging the little league to use the fields. Mr. Gallamore stated that was a miscommunication and they are not going to charge the little league, but if another league wants to use the fields for tournaments, then they will charge them. Mrs. Henson asked if they have set a price and she was told it might be \$150.00 an hour. Mr. Gallamore stated they did research and other diamonds charge that amount. Mrs. Henson stated \$150.00 an hour for our fields is above and beyond what they would be able to afford. She also stated travel ball teams schedule through the little league to use the fields for practice. Mr. Gallamore stated he feels \$150.00 an hour is outrageous, but that amount was just in decision. Mrs. Henson said they do not want to want to clean the bathrooms and the league would like to rent Port-O-Potties instead of having to clean them. Mr. Tearman asked what was in the contract and Mr. Gallamore stated they are responsible for cleaning them and he thinks it might be ok for them to use Port-O-Potties, but did not decide either way. He also updated Council on the dog park and the interest in the Community Garden. A group from Martinsville is going to install raised based for free. The soil was tested and it has a high alcalinity and they will have to add chemicals to help that. A family has donated funds to help cut the new walking trail and they have expanded the path of the trail. The park board has applied for a \$25,000.00 grant from AARP for the walking trail. They did not get the grant from SCI REMC.

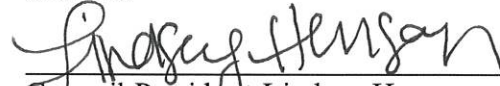
of compliance and coop size information, registration fee would be an annual fee. All permits would expire July 1 and there would be a fee for non-compliance. No roosters. Lot size must be a half acer. Coop must provide at least 25 sq ft per chicken, must be 25' ft from property line and 10' from house. Mr. Aders gave examples of other proposed regulations. Discussion was made about what is considered the front of the house and the back of the yard. Mr. Tearman said that when people live on a lake, the front of the house is the lake side and the back of the house is the road side. In the proposed changes to the ordinance, people cannot have chickens in their front yard, therefore they would have to put the coop on the lake side and Mr. Tearman feels there will be a lot of complain and push back about that. Discussion was made about what the next steps will be, the planning commission will meet again to go over Council comments and inform them at the next meeting about the proposed changes.

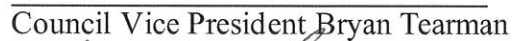
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council President Henson adjourned meeting at 8:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

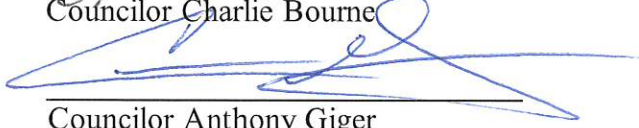
  
Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA  
Clerk-Treasurer


Council:

  
Council President Lindsey Henson

  
Council Vice President Bryan Tearman

  
Councilor Charlie Bourne

  
Councilor Anthony Giger

  
Councilor Kevin Harrison



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PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY MARCH 17, 2025

### PLEASE PRINT

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| 1. <u>KEVIN ADERS</u>     | 17. <u>Shelly Frazier</u>      |
| 2. <u>Philip Montarsi</u> | 18. <u>Jenni + Reuben Ruiz</u> |
| 3. <u>Ellen Richards</u>  | 19. <u>Tanner Tomlinson</u>    |
| 4. <u>Kena Cox</u>        | 20. <u>Brandee Smithey</u>     |
| 5. <u>[Signature]</u>     | 21. _____                      |
| 6. <u>Jeremy Nelson</u>   | 22. _____                      |
| 7. <u>Jon Query</u>       | 23. _____                      |
| 8. <u>[Signature]</u>     | 24. _____                      |
| 9. <u>Molly Champion</u>  | 25. _____                      |
| 10. <u>Jennifer Seals</u> | 26. _____                      |
| 11. <u>Shawn Seals</u>    | 27. _____                      |
| 12. <u>Alan Smith</u>     | 28. _____                      |
| 13. <u>Johnny Denton</u>  | 29. _____                      |
| 14. <u>Diana Bryant</u>   | 30. _____                      |
| 15. <u>Bob Morrison</u>   | 31. _____                      |
| 16. <u>Nicole Adkins</u>  | 32. _____                      |