

MEETING MINUTES
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164
March 21, 2022

COUNCILORS PRESENT: VICE PRESIDENT MIKE GALLAMORE
COUNCILOR KAREN HARRISON
COUNCILOR PHILIP MONTARSI
COUNCILOR BRYAN TEARMAN
COUNCILOR ABSENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS
UTILITES ASST SUPT LAYMAN BOYD
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR MIKE MILLER

PUBLIC PRESENT: STEPHEN LUNTER
JEREMY PELL
LORI PELL
ANTHONY GIGER
ANDREW TAMES

Council Vice President Gallamore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

Andrew Tames with Trafalgar Youth Sports informed the Council that Trafalgar and Prince's Lakes little leagues have combined to form Trafalgar Youth Sports. They have 150 more players this year than both leagues last year combined. Mr. Tames would like to know if town employees will be able to drag and seed the fields and help again this year and needs to contact the water department to get the water turned on so their plumber can fix the leak. Mr. Tames also told the Council that they are going to take out the grass on the t-ball field. Mr. Gallamore asked Mr. Tames to contact public works supervisor Mike Miller to set up times for the employees to help. Mr. Gallamore told Mr. Tames that they will need to get into the old concession stand building to inspect it. The Town is wanting to remodel the building because it is not safe.

Jeremy Pell asked the Council for consideration in crediting the water portion of a massive water leak of \$2000.00 that was the result of a water leak in his crawl space. Mr. Pell informed the

Council that he and his wife do not come down very often in the winter to their lake house, but still continue to pay their minimum bill which is around \$100.00 per month. Mr. Pell was unaware of the water leak until the water company contacted Mr. Pell to let him know they turned off his water because he has a leak somewhere. Mr. Pell found a pipe had broken under his floor in his crawl space and had filled his crawl space so much, water was standing on his first floor and caused around \$10,000.00 in damages. Mr. Gallamore asked Layman Boyd if he knew anything about this situation. Mr. Boyd stated he didn't know much about it, other than looking at the graph it looks like within in a 20- or 21-day period his line broke and he would not have known that. Town Attorney Lee Robbins informed the Council that as the governing body of the utility, they can adjust the wastewater bill. There are state statutes that controls adjustments on the water side. The bill has to be two times the average customers monthly usage. A bill can be adjusted if the loss is caused by physical damage to a facility or equipment suppling water that is not visible or detectable on the customers premises except upon excavation or some other disturbance of the property. Can't be the result of something the homeowner did. Councilor Montarsi asked to do more research on this situation and have Mr. Pell return for the April meeting to discuss further. Mr. Pell asked if penalties can be waived. Mr. Robbins indicated penalties can be waived. Mr. Gallamore instructed Mr. Boyd to contact the water billing clerk to find out how much of the wastewater portion has already been credited and would like Councilor Karen Harrison to be involved in the meeting as well to be able to report back to the Council and at the April meeting the Council will make a decision.

Mr. Robbins addressed the Council and apologized for not getting back to Stephan Lunter who is attending the council meeting. Mr. Robbins stated he drafted an email to himself at the last meeting to research Mr. Lunter's issue and did not send the email, and forgot what he needed to do. Mr. Robbins apologized again to Mr. Lunter and asked him to please come back in April and he has already sent the email to himself. Mr. Luter stated that was fine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the February 7, 2022 Planning Session minutes and the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Karen Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers spoke about the police dog, Ox. He needs to retire this spring. Marshal Southers has been in contact with a K-9 trainer who is in the process of training a new liter of police dogs. Marshal Southers needs to purchase one of these dogs. His name is Denver and will be between \$3000 - \$5000. Mr. Southers would like permission to do a fundraiser to help pay for Denver. Mr. Gallamore likes the idea of doing a fundraiser to get the community involved, but Marshal Southers has money to spend on purchasing Denver and has the support of the Council. Marshal Southers also reported a recent theft spree of unlocked cars during the middle of the night, the same group's car was spotted in Moorsville and similar thefts happened.

Mr. Gallamore asked the status of the license plate reader camera system. Marshal Southers responded that he is waiting on his IT technician and have a few days of good weather to be able to run the wires and install the solar panels. Marshal Southers asked for a renewal of his IT service, VIA. The service helps him stay connected to the county and will install printer system in police vehicles to be able to create and print tickets in the vehicles.

After discussion,

- Councilor Karen Harrison made a motion to approve the renewal of the VIA system for the police department in the amount of \$4,500 Councilor Phil Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Marshal Southers also asked if there was a way to enforce residents to put their address on their house so that it is visible from the street and will help 911. After discussion, Town Attorney Lee Robbins is going to research to see if the Town can create an ordinance and Marshal Southers is going to contact the 911 administrator to get more information.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Assistant Superintendent Layman Boyd presented the Council with his report. Mr. Boyd informed the Council that they relocated a fire hydrant on Howard Prince, and they replaced a water line at Town Hall. He is working on trying to get someone to put on a new roof for one of the wells. The half a million-gallon reservoir is back online and they are working on renovating the filters, they should be good for another 12-15 years. Mr. Boyd stated Mr. Blackwell is still working on a redundancy for Camp Atterbury's services and looking into putting in a new water main on Schoolhouse Rd. Mr. Gallamore stated the project is good for the Town and future growth and also for the Town of Trafalgar because the Town of Trafalgar is growing and building 150 new homes starting in April. Mr. Gallamore also stated the water system has 3 elements. The pumps, the delivery and storage. With the old system in place the Town can't deliver the needed water for future growth, this is one reason why the construction for the new water main is paramount. Mr. Boyd stated that Camp Atterbury wants to run a line up to the rail head, then the Town can tie into the line and create the loop to Trafalgar and will benefit the Town. Mr. Boyd also stated they've purchased the pump with remaining funds from the SRF loan. Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger stated there was an issue with the reimbursement of the pump. The project engineer, Jeremy Burch emailed Scott Blackwell and Mrs. Lyden-Giger explaining the reason the pump cannot be reimbursed at this time is because the amount of the pump was higher than previously approved and the company that was used was not part of the 3 initially vetted. Mr. Burch stated in his email, the purchase can still be approved, he will need a letter on Town letterhead explaining the reasons. Mrs. Lyden-Giger has since contacted Mr. Blackwell and he had already sent the letter and the Town received the reimbursement later in the month. Mr. Gallamore explained the Town of Trafalgar was contacted by IDEM stating the guaranteed water delivery amount was not sufficient enough to sustain the 150 new houses that are going to be built. IDEM stated they need to go from 216,000 gallons per day to 324,000 gallons per day. Mr. Gallamore is asking to vote on the amendment to the contract. Mr. Robbins further explained the two changes made to the original contract with Trafalgar are to increase the amount of volume

to be delivered from 216,000 gallons per day to 324,000 gallons per day and a flow rate of no less than 225 gallons per minutes, which is an increase from no less than 150 gallons per minute. Councilor Phil Montarsi asked if increasing Trafalgar's guarantee will affect what we deliver to Camp Atterbury. Mr. Gallamore stated no, the Town of Trafalgar's average usage is 110,000 gallons per day, they are guaranteed 225,000 gallons, which they have never reached. Mr. Boyd stated the water tower on Camp Atterbury never reaches 50% of it's total capacity.

After discussion,

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the amended contract with the Town of Trafalgar to increase the amount of water delivered from 216,000 gallons per day to 324,000 gallons per day and a flow rate of no less than 225 gallons per minutes, which is an increase from no less than 150 gallons per minute and to authorize Greg Nelson to be able to sign the new contract. Councilor Bryan Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Public Works Supervisor Mike Miller asked if he can order another load of untreated salt in the amount of \$1506.34. Mr. Miller would also like to purchase a Scag Turf Tiger 2 for \$13,770.00 due to safety reasons mowing certain hills around the ballpark and would like to trade in the Dixie Chopper for \$6,000.00 bringing the total to \$7,770.00. Mr. Tearman asked if any other department can use the Dixie Chopper instead of trading it in. Mr. Boyd stated the utility department might be able to use it and he will ask Mr. Blackwell.

After discussion,

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the purchase of a Scag Turf Tiger 2 for the best state bid amount. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Mrs. Lyden-Giger informed the Council that certain communities in the state did not accept the ARP grant funds, so the Town was awarded an additional \$574.71

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented Town claims and ask the Council for approval in the amount of \$123,760.65

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve claims for the Town in the amount of \$123,760.65 Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented Water & Wastewater claims and asked the Council for approval in the amount of \$307,476.97

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve claims for Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$307,476.97 Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented the March 3, 2022 allowance docket and asked the Council for approval in the amount of \$33,622.10

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve the March 3, 2022 allowance docket in the amount of \$33,622.10. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented the March 17, 2022 allowance docket and asked the Council for approval in the amount of \$32,839.66

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve the March 17, 2022 allowance docket in the amount of \$32,839.66. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously

Mrs. Lyden-Giger also informed the Council that by March 1 of each year Outstanding Warrants or Checks according to IC 5-11-10.5-3 have to be canceled. The amount for outstanding warrants this year is \$5,368.04

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented the Council with SRF invoice #35 for engineering services for HWC in the amount of \$1,140.00

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve SRF invoice #35 for engineering services for HWC in the amount of \$1,140.00 Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented the Council with invoice 2020-271-S for IFA water audit in the amount of \$2,860.00

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve invoice 2020-271-S for IFA water audit in the amount of \$2,860.00. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger updated the Council on issues with the email server not being able to send emails to Gmail accounts. The IT technician is working on the issue and part of the solution will be to move to Outlook as the new email provider.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger also asked for help from the Council with the Easter Egg hunt this year, last year Mr. Gallamore was the only Councilmember that helped. Mrs. Lyden-Giger also informed the Council that Kona Ice will be here during the egg hunt.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Robbins stated the attorney representing the mortgage company involved in the Monica Spears property, 786 Lakeview told Mr. Robbins that they have secured the property. Mr. Gallamore and Marshal Southers stated the garage door has been opened lately. Mr. Robbins stated the company has asked for bids. The debris is supposed to be cleared away and renovation proposals are to be submitted by April 4, 2022 and if not, it converts into a demolition order. Mr. Gallamore stated he does not want to allow the mortgage company to have anymore time to rehabilitate this property, it has been 6 years and it needs to be done.

Mr. Robbins stated the accountant for Nineveh Conservancy Water District sent him and Mr. Blackwell a calculation of the water loss audit and was different than originally thought. They are still working to resolve the issue.

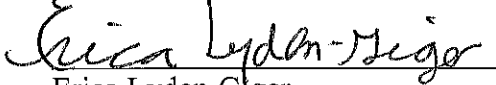
OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Karen Harrison asked if the Town was going to have a Town Clean Up day again this year. Mr. Gallamore stated for the last 5 years the Town has had the clean-up. Marshal Southers stated he would like to clean up Nineveh Road on the same day and would like to reach out to the community and get volunteers. Mr. Gallamore stated we will get a day set. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated we always have it the weekend after the Community Yard Sale.

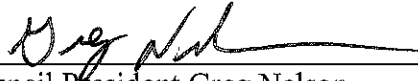
Councilor Montarsi made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,



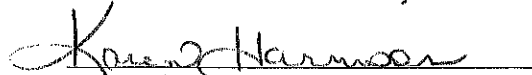
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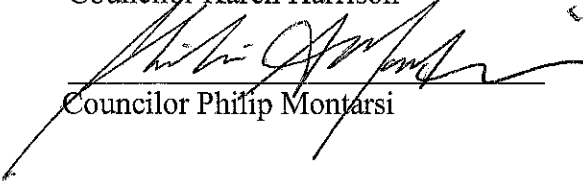


Council President Greg Nelson

Council Vice President Mike Gallamore



Councilor Karen Harrison



Councilor Philip Montarsi

Councilor Bryan Tearman