



## MEETING MINUTES

### *PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL*

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

September 18, 2023

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON  
VICE PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN  
COUNCILOR MIKE GALLAMORE  
COUNCILOR KAREN HARRISON  
COUNCILOR LINDSEY KELLY

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT:

ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT:

LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT:

MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS  
UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL  
PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR MIKE MILLER

PUBLIC PRESENT:

PHIL MONTARSI  
ROGER VANZUIDEN  
KEVIN HARRISON  
DAVE WILCOXIN

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

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

- Roger VanZuiden spoke and ask to get a storm drain installed at the end of the road on Kinman where the pavement ends. He installed a retaining wall, but the water is running down the hill and is washing out the foundation. Mr. VanZuiden said he has a contractor coming out soon to fix the foundation. Councilor Mike Gallamore ask if he has a storm drain box, Mr. VanZuiden said he does. Mr. Gallamore said this is from road runoff and asked Town Attorney, Lee Robbins if legally the Town has an obligation to fix the issue, Mr. Robbins stated it depends on the circumstances. He said the Town cannot alter the way

the road has been constructed, but if this is a condition that has existed from the time the road was constructed and it's just a fact that water is running down hill, then no. If water is flowing down the road and following the natural flow, then it's the homeowner's responsibility. Mr. Gallamore stated this issue has been brought to the attention of the Council in the past, and they did not do anything. Town Attorney Lee Robbins, stated if the Town cut ditches and installed culverts, then it would be the Town's responsibility to fix it. Mr. Robbins stated if the issue increased due to road paving, then the Town would be obligated to fix it. Mr. VanZuiden asked if heavy gravel could be installed because the paving made the road higher and created a bigger issue. Mr. Gallamore stated after the recent paving project, they have allowed residents to pick up dirt from the street department to raise the edges of the road to make it higher to meet the new height of the road. Council President Nelson stated if they put more gravel in place, the water would wash it away. Councilor Lindsey Kelly asked if we can take a look at it and discuss it at the next Council meeting in October. After discussion, Mr. VanZuiden will return in October.

Dave Wilcoxon with the Nineveh Township Heritage Committee stated everything was set to go for the festival on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and just updated the Council on progress and thanked Council for allowing them to host the festival in the Town Hall Park.

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

- Councilor Mike Gallamore motioned to approve the August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting, & August 31, 2023 Special Meeting minutes. Council President Nelson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

Marshal Greg Southers spoke about the 2024 Solar Eclipse happening April 8-11. Johnson County has started a plan with Emergency Management because there is an expectation of 500,000 people to visit the area to witness the eclipse. I65 and US HWY 31 are expected to be gridlocked for several hours per day, all of this based on what happened in Louisville, KY four years ago when the last solar eclipse happened. Brown County and surrounding counties are expected to be overflowing with people at times. Johnson County Park has ordered tents in order to be able to rent to people to accommodate spectators.

Marshal Southers stated he has a number for a new vendor to purchase defibrillator pads.

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

Superintendent Scott Blackwell stated he and Kevin Wilson went to court to dispute a tort claim issue against the Town. Mr. Blackwell stated Mr. Wilson did a great job in explaining that the leak that caused the issue with the resident was caused by neglect on the homeowner and not neglect by the Town. He was able to show prior work that had been completed on the road and almost every

water main line had been replaced. Mr. Robbins stated the defense attorney that represents the insurance company reiterated what Mr. Blackwell said and Mr. Wilson did a great job in court. Mr. Blackwell stated the old utility building and silo have been demolished. He and Lori Lollar have set up offices in the water treatment plant at Camp Atterbury, contracts have been signed, Camp Atterbury took care of the building permits.

Issues with Invoice Cloud have been resolved and Mr. Blackwell would like to start marketing the system more.

Mr. Blackwell stated they are at 86% water efficiency which is the highest since efficiency was started to be tracked. He also stated they found an old dog tag machine when they were cleaning out the old utility office. He spoke with Councilor Kelly about donating the item to the Camp Atterbury Museum and asked if they would like. Ms. Kelly stated the Camp is very interested and excited about receiving the machine. Mr. Blackwell asked Council if it was ok to donate the item.

After discussion,

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve the transfer of ownership and transfer of dog tag machine to Camp Atterbury. Councilor Kelly seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

#### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Supervisor Mike Miller said the parking lot has been sealed and work was completed. Mr. Miller asked for approval for the invoice to Asphalt Salvation for \$5,475.00. Mr. Miller also stated he has an invoice for Larry Starr for \$450.00 and rip rap for \$475.00. Mr. Miller presented Council with three bids for a new truck. Councilor Tearman asked Clerk-Treasurer Lyden-Giger ask if the street department has enough funds to pay for the vehicle. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated there are not enough funds in MVH to pay for a vehicle this year. The truck will not be available until the first of the next year, she should be able to encumber some funds from this year in order to help pay for the vehicle next year. Discussion was made about having the utility loan MVH part of the funds and other funds that can be used. Mrs. Lyden-Giger she will look at all the different funds and figure out the best source.

- Council President Nelson made a motion to pay Asphalt Salvation for \$5,475.00. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council Vice President Tearman made a motion to pay Larry Starr for \$450.00 & \$475.00. Councilor Kelly seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Nelson made a motion to purchase a new vehicle for the street department in the amount of \$61,573.00. Councilor Kelly seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented invoice #12 from HWC for \$1,575.00 This is for the DOD project, mapping/survey, design and permitting. & Rural Development invoice #4 for \$9,750.00

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve HWC invoice #12 for DOD, and HWC RD invoice #4 as presented. Councilor Kelly seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented Town, Utilities, August 31, 2023 & September 14, 2023, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$273,160.77 \$171,804.10, \$39,518.58, \$40,988.57. Mrs. Lyden-Giger also presented Council with Spotlight Strategies invoice for \$23.90. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated the invoice came in after the docket was printed and wanted to add it to the claims for this month. She also asked Council for approval for Ordinance 2023-05, the third amendment to salary Ordinance 2022-08. Mrs. Lyden-Giger told the Council that the new playground equipment for Robertson Shay Park has been shipped and should arrive next week. Johnson County Library contacted Mrs. Lyden-Giger and stated they are starting the bookmobile again and want to have Prince's Lakes as one of their stops. They would be here twice a month on Tuesdays. Mrs. Lyden-Giger told them it would be a great resource for our community. Council agreed it would be good for the residents to have access.

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Nelson motioned to approve Ordinance 2023-05. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Nelson motioned to approve Spotlight Strategies as presented. Councilor Kelly seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

- No Attorney report given

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented Council with two bids for a new information sign. She informed the Council that one sign is better quality and they have a better product and recommends the sign. Discussion was made about the spec comparison and Mr. Tearman stated we could not compare the specs because one company did not send any. Mr. Robbins informed the Council that they have to pick the sign with the lowest bid if both bids are for same products, apples to apples and if one company did not send a list of specifications, then that company would not have submitted a responsive bid. Mr. Gallamore state and he Mrs. Lyden-Giger will meet next week to go over both bids in detail.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

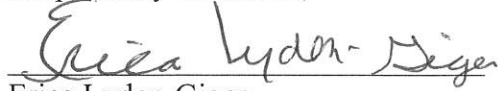
Mr. Gallamore stated he would like a special meeting to go over capital improvement plans. Every year the Council has had a meeting like this and it was been productive. Mr. Gallamore said he would like to appoint Phil Montarsi as ADA coordinator. He also said Mrs. Lyden-Giger sent the Council information on council training for the utilities and feels it's important for them to attend. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated she can get a recording of the training for members that can't attend.

After discussion,

- Councilor Gallamore motioned to appoint Phil Montarsi as ADA coordinator. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

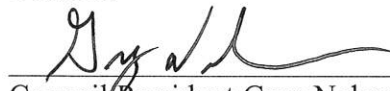
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Councilor Gallamore motioned to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Council President Nelson seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Erica Lyden-Giger  
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:



Council President Greg Nelson



Council Vice President Bryan Tearman



Councilor Mike Gallamore



Councilor Karen Harrison

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Councilor Lindey Kelly