

**MEETING MINUTES**  
*PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL*  
**PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164**  
**September 20 2021**

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

COUNCILORS ABSENT: COUNCILOR TROY MEADOWS

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: WATER SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL  
STREET SUPERINTENDENT AREC BURTON  
DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER LINDSEY KELLY

PUBLIC PRESENT: DAVID MCKINNEY  
JAYNE AVERITT  
SCOTT SMITH  
ANTHONY GIGER

Council President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Jane Averitt with White Lake expressed concern with a petition for rezoning that she read about in the Daily Journal filed by David McKinney. Council President Nelson informed Ms. Averitt that she will have to go the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting to express her concerns. David McKinney spoke and said he is the one who filled out the petition and placed the ad in the Daily Journal. Clerk-Treasure Erica Lyden-Giger asked Mr. McKinney if he filed his petition with the Clerk-Treasure's office, Mr. McKinney said no. Town Attorney, Lee Robbins informed Mr. McKinney that he has to file the paperwork and asked to see his petition. After discussion and examination of the petition Mr. Robbins determined that Mr. McKinney had the incorrect paperwork. Mr. Robbins asked Mr. McKinney for his contact information and will help him with the proper petition.

Scott Smith asked the Council for a refund on his water bill due to a 6 week long major leak on his property. Water Superintendent Scott Blackwell informed the Council that Mr. Smith had

previously asked for a credit, but told him he was not authorized to make adjustments on bills, and the Council would be the ones to authorize the adjustment. Mr. Blackwell also stated that Mr. Smith's leak was one of the worst residential leaks he had ever seen. Mr. Smith's average water bill is \$132.00, with this leak the bills add up to \$1,618.21. Mr. Robbins said in order to make an adjustment on a leak, it has to meet statutory requirements; the bill has to be twice as much as a normal bill, has to have been a leak that was underground and not discoverable and required excavation to repair. Mr. Smith informed the Council that he had to dig up the leak and capped it off to repair it, he also brought his last 4 months bill to compare. Councilor Harrison and Council Montarsi asked to review the bills.

After discussion,

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve adjusting Scott Smith's water bill in the amount of \$550.00. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Council President Nelson made a motion to approve the August 12, 2021 Planning Session Meeting minutes and August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Phil Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:**

Mr. Nelson informed the Council that the Cancer Sucks Motorcycle ride drove through Nineveh and Prince's Lakes. Marshal Southers was able to shut down traffic in order for the motorcycles to pass through town. There were over 100 motorcycles involved. They were able to raise over \$8000.00. Mr. Nelson wanted to thank Marshal Southers for helping with the ride.

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

Superintendent Scott Blackwell informed the Council that Kyle Rash is going to retire January 1, 2022 and would like to hire his replacement soon to be able to train with Kyle before he retires. Mr. Blackwell also informed the Council that with the new meter technology, they were able to read all the meters in 4 hours compared to one and a half days. There was only 1 re-read vs 3-4 pages.

Neither Water nor Wastewater Utilities received any money from the SWIF grant. Council Vice President Gallamore wanted the Council to know the criteria for the SWIF grant. The grant prioritized communities with the following: Wastewater rates above \$100.00 per month, drinking water rates above \$70.00 per month, storm water rates about \$15.00. Low to moderate median household income, Prince's Lakes median household income in higher than the communities that were awarded the grant. Community co-funding 50/50 split instead of 25/75 that was submitted. Mr. Gallamore informed the Council that the grant can be applied to again next year. Mr. Blackwell said the water efficiency is up to 79%, which is up from 66% in January of 2020.

Camp Atterbury has awarded the bid to install the new meters. They are waiting on the new meters to be delivered. Mr. Blackwell believes that once they are installed, the water efficiency will go up another 2-5%

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Alec Burton spoke about replacing a culvert pipe on Bauer Drive and Flemming. Mr. Burton informed the Council that the dump truck is going to have the bed put on it and will hopefully be able to get the dump truck at the end of October.

He has spoken to the contractor for the damage on the road to Lakeview, he has 2 bids, waiting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Burton got rid of the tires from the Town Clean-up Day and still have holes to patch from water leaks.

Mr. Burton also informed the Council that he sold old salt spreaders for a total of \$3,800.00

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

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented the Council with claims for the Town in the amount of \$176,945.43

- Council President Nelson made a motion to approve claims for the Town in the amount of \$176,945.43 Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Erica Lyden-Giger presented the Council with claims for Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$244,796.49

- Council President Nelson made a motion to approve claims for the Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$244,796.49 Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked the Council to clarify the amounts of the bonus checks for full-time employees and part time employees and if the amounts are net or gross.

After discussion,

- Council President Nelson made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021-09  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PREMIUM PAY FOR TOWN EMPLOYEES TO BE PAID FROM THE TOWN'S AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS**

A premium of \$1000.00 gross pay to full-time employees that worked during 2020 and a premium pay of \$500.00 gross to part-time employees that worked during 2020 Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

## ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Mr. Robbins informed the Council that he had new ordinances to set the Payment In Lieu Of Taxes (PILOT). Mrs. Harrison spoke and she is not in favor of increasing the PILOT program because Water and Sewer already paid 2/3 of the Town's bills and she would rather see the money given to people in a refund on their bill. Mrs. Lyden-Giger spoke and said it's a common practice for Towns to split bills between water and wastewater evenly. Water and Wastewater make money, the Town does not, and by increasing the PILOT, it will help the Town without raising taxes or water bills. If the utility was owned by American Water, they would be paying the taxes. Mr. Robbins spoke and said that Prince's Lakes has a lot of customers that are not tax payers of the Town, and by increasing the PILOT, it helps benefit the residents of Prince's Lakes. Mr. Gallamore spoke and said he agrees with Mrs. Harrison and every Council member wants to lower the wastewater bill, but he is not prepared to do that at the present time and the money for the PILOT would not add up to enough of a credit. Mr. Robbins explained there is no risk to increasing the PILOT if the Council stays within the limits that the rate consultant, Steve Brock, has set. If the utility were owned by a private utility, the Town would be collecting tax revenue from them, but because the Town owns the utilities it doesn't get the tax revenue. Mr. Gallamore informed the Council that with the ARP funds, Water and Wastewater are able to use those funds to help pay for infrastructure. Mr. Gallamore also said the funds from the PILOT program would help the Town to be able to update our parks and walking trail. Mr. Montarsi said he sees Mrs. Harrison's point to wanting to lower wastewater bills, but also sees Mr. Robbins point where out of Town customers don't contribute to tax revenue to our residents. Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked Mr. Blackwell if increasing the PILOT would cause detrimental harm to the Water and Wastewater utilities. Mr. Blackwell responded no, he said he runs the utilities like a money-making business and if he worked for American Water, he would be paying that money in taxes anyway.

After discussion,

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to increase the PILOT to the maximum amount and seconded by President Nelson. Councilor Harrison voted "No", Councilor Montarsi voted "Yes", Council President Nelson voted "Yes", Council Vice President Gallamore voted "Yes", motion passed.
- Council President Nelson made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07 RESOLUTION OF THE PRINCE'S LAKES, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS BY THE TOWN'S SEWAGE WORKS IN LIEU OF TAXES** Council Vice President Gallamore seconded the motion. Councilor Harrison voted "No", Councilor Montarsi voted "Yes", Council President Nelson voted "Yes", Council Vice President Gallamore voted "Yes", motion passed.
- Council President Nelson made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08 RESOLUTION OF THE PRINCE'S LAKES, INDIANA TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS BY THE TOWN'S WATER UTILITY IN LIEU OF TAXES** Council Vice President Gallamore seconded the motion. Councilor Harrison voted

"No", Councilor Montarsi voted "Yes", Council President Nelson voted "Yes", Council Vice President Gallamore voted "Yes", motion passed.

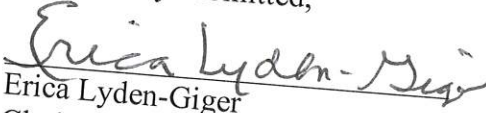
Mr. Robbins informed the Council that he has filed a complaint against Monica Spears under unsafe building law and to assess against a \$5000 fee. After that Mr. Robbins will be able to ask for an inspection warrant.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gallamore informed the Council that residents have ask for the Town to spray for bugs. After discussion it was decided that spraying for bugs is not always beneficial or always work, and was denied.

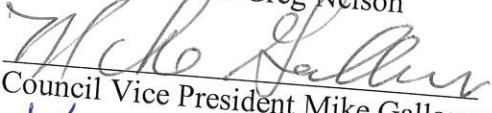
Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to adjourn. Council President Nelson seconded the motion and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm

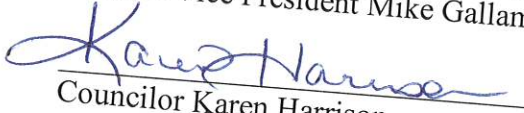
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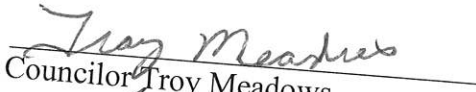
  
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Clerk-Treasurer

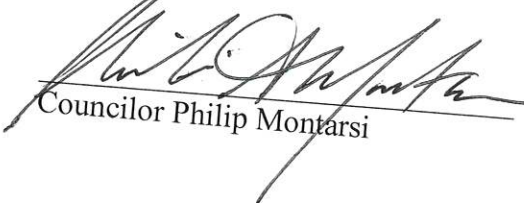
Council:

  
Council President Greg Nelson

  
Council Vice President Mike Gallamore

  
Councilor Karen Harrison

  
Councilor Troy Meadows

  
Councilor Philip Montarsi