



MEETING MINUTES
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164
April 20, 2026

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

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS
UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL
STREET DEPT SUPERVISOR TONY PIKE

PUBLIC PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mark Corkin introduced as a business development consultant, not an engineer and made a proposal to address drainage issues at ball fields and potential solutions. Runoff from Roszell Drive and the hill is a concern. Proposal includes full engineering services for analysis and surveying. Past flooding has shut down roads multiple times due to inadequate drainage. County's drainage pipe deemed too small; issues raised since the 2008 flood. Efforts made to approach County Commissioners for system upgrades have been unsuccessful. Johnson County Highway Department indicated towns will be responsible for future work starting in 2025. Discussed potential funding options, including a county grant. Clarification needed on timing for future applications and SRF funding. No immediate financial commitments; ongoing discussions about funding and drainage solutions. Acknowledgment of the need for further information and planning.

Rick Anderson with Veregy presented a proposal for a second time. Discussion was made about solar opportunities for wastewater and water plants. Council decided not to proceed with the project at this time due to pending projects and financial constraints.

Cindy Anderson was seeking clarification or reconsideration of the farm stand ruling. She wants to sell chicken eggs from a farm stand at her property. Concerns were raised about traffic flow and parking. The current zoning ordinance does not permit retail sales in residential areas.

Ethan Hughes lives at 1155 East Hoover and has an issue with a culvert that runs under the ground. The culvert is washing out his land and his neighbor's land. Mr. Hughes believes the Town is responsible because they dug a ditch on the other side of Hoover Road that washes water into his property and requested that the Town's street department create a basin to hold the water or dig a trench to direct the water into Jeff Lake. Councilor Anthony Giger confirms the issue has been ongoing for years. The Council discussed the Town's responsibility if they diverted water through pipes and a culvert. Councilor Charlie Bourne asked have Tony Pike to investigate the issue and offer alternatives and get a cost estimate.

Peggy Thompson was notified on March 24th of a water leak and received a tag from the water department indicating high water usage (200-400 gallons/day). The property is only occupied by cats, and she suspects an underground leak. She requests a credit on her water bill. Council discussed the process for reimbursing water leaks, typically involving removing the minimum bill amount and then covering costs above 3,000 gallons.

- Councilor Giger motioned to give a credit to Mrs. Thompson for her water bill. Mrs. Thompson will be charged the minimum bill plus costs to the Town. Councilor Bourne seconded. Motion passed.

PARK BOARD REPORT:

The park board is planning a "sea of flags" for Memorial Day in the park, in collaboration with the American Legion. The American Legion has approved \$1,300 for the flags. The flags will be reused and placed on five-foot poles. Installation assistance will be provided by the American Legion on the 21st. Phase two involves a permanent memorial, with fundraising efforts planned in partnership with the American Legion. The Park Board is seeking the Town's approval to install the memorial at the park, potentially in the circle area near the path. Incidents of vandalism have occurred. Discussion about adding more cameras and the need for an air card for remote access. Marshal Southers and Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger are going to look into getting wifi for the ballfield to help with camera issues. Council authorized Marshal Southers to improve the camera system, using WI-FI or air cards, within his budget.

June 6th 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, spin-off of annual yard sale attempt. Goal: Attract more people to sell items and bring the community together. One half for yard sales, the other for vendors. Food vendors and Young Entrepreneurs (minors selling crafts) invited. Catherine Gleason presented quotes to fix broken basketball goal. Council would like additional quotes for glass and wooden backboards and to reset the existing pole. Mrs. Gleason discussed parking issues at the baseball diamonds. They want to put parking signs on top of the hill overlooking the ballpark. Concerns were brought up about cars breaking free and running into the baseball fields. Discussion about parking restrictions near Dollar General. Parents are watching games while kids run to cars, creating safety concerns. Proposal to direct parking with signs. Suggestion for signs indicating parking for 6 o'clock and 7 o'clock games. Consideration of using bumpers to lay out the parking area.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council President Henson motioned to approve the March 16 and April 7, 2026 meeting minutes. Councilor Bourne seconded. Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers gave his report. He is wanting to sell old handguns to purchase new equipment. He will need a court order to clear the transfer. Firearms must be held for 180 days and attempts made to locate the owner. Most firearms are related to the misuse of the firearms. Marshal Southers said he is having problems with large delivery trucks damaging utility lines. Recent incidents reported where delivery trucks hit utility lines. Suggestion to restrict the size of delivery trucks in certain areas and discussion on accountability of utility companies.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. He said the Consumer Confidence Report has been finished. Emergency response plan is complete and needs signatures from council members. Mr. Blackwell also presented Council with updated past and future planning updates. The new reservoir construction is at full height. The last row of construction was completed recently. The project has been a significant achievement and is nearing completion. It is expected to be online in about four weeks. Filling and disinfection will begin prior to that. The generator at the main lift station was installed last Friday. Excavation has started at the Nineveh lift station. A crane will be used to set the manhole expected to be done by May 4th. The goal is to have it online by May 15th. Mr. Blackwell stated data will be gathered to compare with billing before proceeding. The meter will not be a scanner, but that could be added in the future if the system is taken over. He also said we have a contract in place with Nineveh Conservancy until 2032.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Street Department Supervisor Tony Pike said restrooms and water fountains have been opened. Repairs and maintenance were done at the ballpark. Estimates were received for fence repairs and replacement at the ballpark. Mr. Pike said a resident contacted someone about Town maintenance of Adler and Kay Lane. The Town may own about 200ft of the gravel lane. Mr. Pike also said the Town was approved for the Community Crossings Matching Grant. The money will be available in July. The next steps involve the scope of work and bid package preparation. Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated bids need to be invited by publishing notice. Paving companies should be contacted to make them aware of the bid. Bids should be delivered prior to the May meeting and opened publicly at the end of the meeting. The Council can award the contract in June. Mr. Pike will be in training next week.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, March 26, 2026 & April 9, 2026, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$198,447.80 \$622,600.55, \$41,587.62, \$44,220.81. HWC #18- \$8407.12, Made-Rite Fence \$350.08. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated Easter Egg Hunt went very well. There were over 5700 eggs and the community enjoyed the event.

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Giger seconded. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

No report given

OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Lindsey Henson stated the County has agreed to invest in a brand new tornado siren for the community. Originally proposed siren did not adequately cover the area. The County will cover nearly \$30,000 of the cost. Township trustee agreed to pay for half of the installation. Community will pay approximately \$3,000 for a \$36,000 project. New siren production will delay installation until mid-May to early June.

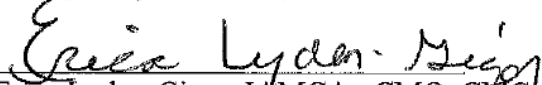
NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Bourne discussed emergency management and lake addresses. Two lakes mentioned with specific addresses that are not correct. Concerns raised about the lack of conservancy association for six lakes. Question raised about responsibility for dam maintenance. Discussion on whether an ordinance is needed for lake owners to clear dams. DNR involvement mentioned regarding dam regulations.

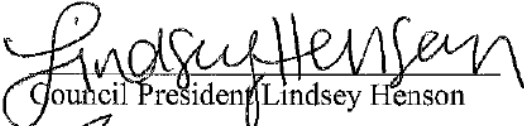

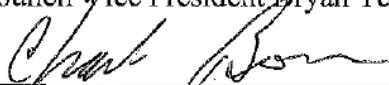

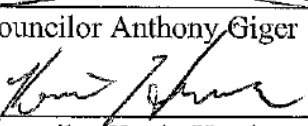
Council Vice President Tearman raised concerns about utility trucks being used after hours. There have been complaints from the community regarding employees using trucks for personal errands. Mr. Tearman argues against restricting employees on call. Emphasizes that employees should be allowed to eat and run errands while on call. Discussion on the need for policy clarification. Current policy restricts truck use to company business. Suggestion to allow more discretion for employees while on call. He also wants the utility department set their own guidelines, which they will share with the Council, to keep things within reason and use common sense.

With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Henson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA, CMO, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:


Council President Lindsey Henson

Council Vice President Bryan Tearman

Councilor Charlie Bourne

Councilor Anthony Giger

Councilor Kevin Harrison