



MEETING MINUTES

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

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

August 18, 2025

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDSEY HENSON
COUNCIL V 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:

PHIL MONTARSI
JIM HIGGINS
STEVE BROCK
JON QUERY
Sergeant Major Butler

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Sergeant Major Butler from Camp Atterbury gave a statement on behalf of Colonel Babbitt and Adjutant General Munich.

Identified and requested the Department of Defense DOD's assistance to use land at Camp Atterbury to establish an ICE, which stands for Immigration Customs and Enforcement Temporary holding facility. Since DOD made the decision to consider Camp Atterbury, there has been no formal tasking or set dates. Camp Atterbury was identified by DOD because it contains the required facilities and support infrastructure to allow for multiple concurrent operations. With nearly 35,000 acres, Camp Atterbury can support the holding facility without interfering with scheduled training or impacts to operations.

The Department of Homeland Security requests for Indiana National Guard support at Camp Atterbury is limited to providing property for temporary housing of accompanied adult non high threat individuals. As such, Indiana National Guard personnel will not work at the holding facility and will not perform law enforcement activities for the holding facility. We value our partnership with you, our neighbors and the surrounding communities through the Department of Defense and Department of Homeland Security. I'm sorry, the Department of Defense and Homeland Security

are still in the analysis and planning phases. If Camp Atterbury is activated, the Indiana National Guard plans to inform the community of the facts that we know. To support this effort, the town council has agreed to collect questions and provide them to us for response. You can also reach out to the Indiana National Guard through our public affairs email address, which I provided to Mrs. Henson with questions. Again, thank you for allowing me the time to provide this update.

- The information Council President Lindsey Henson had from a previous meeting hasn't changed much.

- Camp Atterbury is the property manager; DHS and ICE would lease land from them.

- Indiana National Guard personnel will not work at the holding facility or perform law enforcement activities for the holding facility.

A resident asked where the facility will be located. SGM Butler responded it will be an off-site temporary facility built in a suitable area and too early in the planning phase to answer questions about utilities.

- Question about humane treatment of detainees: Sergeant Major Butler cannot speak to DHS/ICE operations.

Question about security and potential escapes: Camp Atterbury is responsible for its own security; DHS/ICE would be responsible for security of their facility.

- Question about mandating sanitation: Not necessarily in Camp Atterbury's power; agreements will be decided.

- Question about construction companies and detainee numbers: SGM Butler said they do not have any of that information at this point, whatever information they have is the same as what's in the media.

Mike Gallamore gave a Park Board update:

Nature trail: First phase is completed, receiving positive feedback.

- Signs will be installed restricting vehicle types.

- Plans to use the trail for children's activities during the Party for the Parks Festival in October.

- Fibar replacement at Robertson's Shay Park: Request to replace the fibar damaged in the flood.

- Total cost: \$5477 (fibar: \$4,227.30, spreading: \$25 per cubic yard for 50 cubic yards.)

- Request for funds to come from the Town's park and recreation budget.

Mr. Gallamore requested the dirt piles to be removed or spread out for parking for the dog park and garden center.

- Phil sent a text to Mr. Apple about the dirt piles, and received a thumbs up in response.

- The Town gave permission to place the dirt there, and it was supposed to be gone months ago, a 30-day timeframe is suggested for the removal of the dirt.

Financial Consultant, Steve Brock stated this is the second meeting on the rate increase for the \$4,034,000 water project, financed by the Indiana State Revolving loan fund at a 4.5% interest rate over 25 years.

- An 18% rate increase was advertised and is estimated to last four to five years with standard inflation at 4%. The impact on user fees, potentially adding about \$6 to a monthly bill for 4,000 gallons of usage. Compared current and future rates with other cities, showing the town will still be in the middle after the 18% increase.

After discussion,

- Councilor Charlie Bourne motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025-06 with Appendix A, reflecting the 18% increase across the board on rates. Council President Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council President Henson motioned to approve the July 21, 2025 Executive Memorandum and regular meeting minutes. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers said the police department worked in Atterbury with the Johnson County Sheriff's department with the protest. They also helped Brown County Sheriff's Department with the Lieutenant Governor being in town. Another Dollar General freezer failed on Sunday, and they were able to deliver food to seventeen houses. Permission is requested to start looking for a used reserve car with four-wheel drive due to the hills, especially in winter to replace the 2016 and 2017 vehicles. Trading in the old cars is likely to yield more money than putting them out for bids. Council Vice President Tearman and Councilor Anthony Giger do not want Marshal Southers to purchase a used vehicle; they would rather purchase a new vehicle. Permission was given for Marshal Southers to look for a new vehicle. He also needs to purchase new bulletproof vests for fulltime officers (around \$3,000-\$3,500.)

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. The new reservoir project is moving forward, and they aim to start quickly before winter.

- Residential meter replacements have begun, though delayed due to more leaks than expected.
- An EPA inspection with Camp Atterbury is anticipated, and they are preparing for it, though unsure of what to expect.
- The IDEM inspection went very well. They are waiting to hear about the grant by Friday.
- The SCADA project with Camp Atterbury is complete and running smoothly.
- Camp Atterbury has communicated that the wastewater plant should not have to take much port-a-let waste anymore. The main generator at the lift station had more damage than anticipated, but it's being resolved with the insurance company, expecting completion within 30 days.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Street Department Supervisor Tony Pike presented his report. Weekly mowing and brush cutting have been performed at various locations.

- A hydraulic leak in one of the mowers was repaired.
- Low-hanging branches were trimmed for buses; weeds were pulled in front of Town Hall. Mr. Bourne said he feels we should continue to mow the grassy circle on Nineveh Road. Mrs. Henson stated the Town does not own the property and we should not mow property that does not belong to the Town. Mr. Giger agreed with Mrs. Henson and felt it is irresponsible to use tax payer funds to maintain property that does not belong to the Town. Marshal Southers stated it is the entrance to the Town and should be maintained for aesthetic reasons and he volunteers every year to clean up Nineveh Road.

- Councilor Bourne made a motion to continue to mow the grassy circle. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion. Councilor Harrison voted yes, Councilor Bourne voted yes, Councilor Giger voted no, Council President Henson voted no, Council Vice President Tearman voted yes, motion passed.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, July 31, 2025 & August 14, 2025, allowance docket claims and ask Council for approval in the amounts of \$146,110.17, \$270,900.44, \$41,645.73, \$43,921.03. Mrs. Lyden-Giger also asked for HWC invoice #10 for \$2250.00, and Made-Rite Fence invoice for \$1616.00 for approval. She also stated after last month's meeting there were more funds the park board had earned from their events and she is asking for transfer resolution 2025-04 be approved to transfer an additional \$1268.06

- Council President Henson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Henson motioned to approve HWC invoice #10. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Henson motioned to approve Made-Rite invoice and resolution 2025-04. Councilor Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated there have been discussions with Kim Shafts at Bestway Disposal about trash bags and recycling. The market for recyclables has diminished, with many recyclables ending up in landfills, including recycling as an option would increase the cost of the contract. Typical structure in New White and Brooklyn with Bestway:

- Each customer gets a 96-gallon cart for an agreed-upon rate.
- Picked up and emptied once a week.
- Customers can contact Bestway directly for extra carts at an additional charge.
- Bestway offers stickers for extra bags of trash.
- Customers can buy them (e.g., at Town Hall for 75 cents each).
- Concern that Bestway's larger, automated trucks may not be suitable for all streets.

Additional Considerations for Trash Service: Heavy trash pickup, Community cleanup days are encouraged as a better solution than individual heavy trash pickups. Billing: Trash bill would be added to the utility bill. New legislation allows towns to contract for service without competitive bidding. Write specs that would require certain equipment.

Opt-Out Option: Question about an opt-out option for residents who don't need trash service.

- Goal: Reduce rates and keep the town clean. Council has the authority to require everyone to participate. Uniform participation helps secure a lower rate.

Mr. Robbins stated Municipal advisor Adam Stone can provide a presentation on SEA 1.

- He can explain the effects on Prince's Lakes and offer strategies.
- He can look at current and projected budgets, assessed property values, and tax rates. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated the Town is projected to lose around \$34,200 next year. Mr. Robbins stated the cost estimated for Mr. Stone's presentation could be around \$5,000-\$6,000.

- Decision needed soon if interested in a September presentation.

Jim Higgins is a partner with LWG CPA, and has been in the field for over 40 years.

- He offered to meet with Mrs. Lyden-Giger regarding the impact to SEA1.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was made about moving funds into Trust Indiana. Mrs. Lyden-Giger and Mr. Blackwell are going to meet to discuss further.

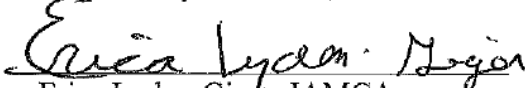
NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Robbins followed up from the executive session the council held before the meeting and offered a motion for consideration to accept the recommendation of Marshal Southers and to authorize Mrs. Henson to proceed in a manner consistent with applicable state statute and the Town's personnel manual. Jon Query with HWC said he needs Lindsey to be able to sign the construction contract.

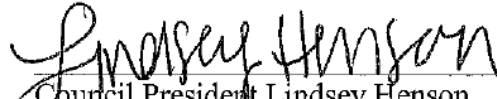
- Councilor Harrison made motion to accept the recommendation of Marshal Southers and to authorize Mrs. Henson to proceed in a manner consistent with applicable state statute and the Town's personnel manual. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council Vice President Tearman made motion to authorize Council President Henson to execute the construction contract and related documents for the construction loan. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion. Councilor Harrison voted yes, Councilor Bourne voted yes, Councilor Giger voted yes, Council President abstained Council Vice President voted yes, motion passed.

With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Henson adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm

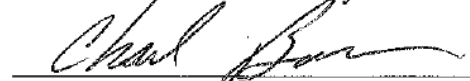
Respectfully submitted,


Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA
Clerk-Treasurer

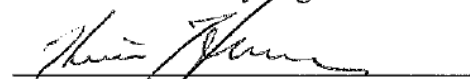
Council:


Council President Lindsey Henson

Council Vice President Bryan Tearman


Councilor Charlie Bourne


Councilor Anthony Giger


Councilor Kevin Harrison