



## MEETING MINUTES

### *PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL*

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

August 19, 2024

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON  
COUNCIL V. PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN  
COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE  
COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON

COUNCILORS ABSENT:

COUNCILOR LINDSEY HENSON

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  
MIKE GALLAMORE  
ANTHONY GIGER

Council President Nelson was not able to be at the start of the meeting, he arrived at 6:30.  
Council Vice President Tearman called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

- No public comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve the July 15, 2024 Regular Meeting, July 25, 2024 Planning Session minutes and the August 7, 2024 Executive Memorandum. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:**

Marshal Greg Southers said he has found a company with a brain box for one of his police vehicles to get installed. If that option does not work, he is going to take the vehicle to another mechanic. Marshal Southers also stated the cord on his hand-held radar is shredded and no longer working. He asked for approval to purchase a used cordless battery-operated model for \$1010.00

- Councilor Charlie Bourne motioned to approve the purchase of the hand-held radar in the amount of \$1010.00. Councilor Kevin Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. He informed the Council that we did not get the DOD grant and September 28 will be a debriefing as to why we were not awarded the grant. Mr. Blackwell said last week Camp Atterbury signed a contract to pay for the entire Scada upgrade project. Camp Atterbury is also going to pay for most of our pumps to replace the variable frequency drives for the motors. This savings to Prince's Lakes is over \$300,000.00 and wanted to acknowledge Camp Atterbury for providing the funding. Mr. Blackwell said he is still working with the adjuster on the generator to see if they will cover the claim.

The company came back to rebuild one of the clarifiers at the wastewater plant and it is in much better shape than anticipated.

Next week they will do a walk through to set up the shop at the new building and it will be 3-4 weeks before the office is set up. Mr. Blackwell also stated the new billing clerk has started on a new rate study to compare our rates to surrounding towns.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Supervisor Mike Miller said the paving project is complete, the contractor has been paid and documents have been submitted to Indot. Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger stated she received an invoice from Indot for \$2211.60 for the amount we have to send back to them, once they receive the check they will send us a close out receipt. Mr. Miller stated Scott Apple is building a house and would like to store the dirt at the street department until the house is built and then use it for fill dirt. After discussion, Council said they would allow that.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, July 18, 2024 & August 1, 2024, August 15, 2024 allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$175,292.99, \$741,266.08, \$41,444.08, \$44,017.33, \$40,0882.67. Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented Resolution 2024-4 a transfer resolution for Community Crossings Matching Grant. Mrs. Lyden-Giger also presented Resolution 2024-5 an appropriation reduction in MVH. She stated in order to help fund the 2025 budget she would like to do an appropriation reduction for \$7300.00. She also stated she would like to have a special meeting on September 4 to go over budget items.

- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Councilor Harrison motioned to approve Resolution 2024-4 A Transfer Resolution for CCMG. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council Vice President Tearman motioned to approve Resolution 2024-5. An Appropriation Reduction for MVH. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated there is one easement that the property owner agreed to sign and had the documents, but the husband passed away and Mr. Robbins has to send new documents. McFarland property owners have agreed to the easements in exchange to waive the connection fee and to be connected to the system. One property owner wanted 67% of the fair market value instead of 50% as the appraiser first valued the property. The amount is estimated \$66,000 to the property owners. Mr. Robbins asked if the Town wants to move forward with paying the property owners and recording the easements. Discussion was made about the easements. Discussion was made about moving forward with the 1.5 million gallon above ground storage tank. After discussion,

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve paying the amounts due to property owners for the appraisals. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

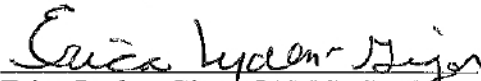
Councilor Harrison stated if the Town wants to continue hosting events and festivals, the electrical would need upgraded at the park and pavilion. After discussion, Mr. Harrison is going to get bids to upgrade the electrical.

Marshal Southers said the last few years the Little League has gotten away from securing the bathrooms and returning the keys at the end of the season. Marshal Southers would like for the League to return the keys and come before the Council in the spring to sign a new contract. Mr. Robbins stated since a Park Board was established, Parks and Recreation are under the jurisdiction of the Park Board. Discussion was made and Marshal Southers is going to contact the president of the League to have him return the key and come to a Council meeting to sign a new contract. The League will report to the Park Board and the Marshal to secure the keys to the bathrooms. Building Inspector Phil Montarsi told the Council that the door handles to the bathrooms at Robertson Shay Park are not ADA compliant and they need to be changed. Mr. Miller is going to order new door handles and will work with Marshal Southers to purchase to the correct locks.

Park Board President Mike Gallamore stated they had a public meeting for input about the wants and needs of the resident for the parks and a meeting for volunteers to help clear out the wooded area for a new walking trail. Mr. Gallamore also stated that a resident will donate up to \$20,000.00 for a dog park and the Park Board is going to move forward with that project. The area needed is a half acer to an acer. The area will be secure, there will be a yearly membership for the park and they are still working out the details. The Park Board is also moving forward the Party in Park Festival which will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be a "jail" for fundraising, a dunk tank, beer garden, games, and food vendors.

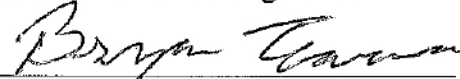
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Vice President Tearman motioned to adjourn at 7:14 pm Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

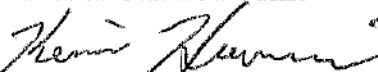
  
Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMC, CMO  
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:

  
Council President Greg Nelson

  
Council Vice President Bryan Tearman

  
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Councilor Kevin Harrison

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Councilor Lindsey Henson