



MEETING MINUTES

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

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

June 16, 2025

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE
COUNCILOR ANTHONY GIGER
COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON

COUNCILORS ABSENT

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDSEY HENSON
COUNCIL V PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT:

ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT:

LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT:

MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS
UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL

PUBLIC PRESENT:

SEE ATTACHED

Councilor Charlie Bourne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mike Gallamore spoke: The Department of Transportation gave 200 free bicycle helmets for children and young adults. Katherine Gleason was the project lead. A sailboat was donated and will be decorated as a flower garden. He requested money for the ball diamonds to fix the score board; wires were cut after the flood wiped it out in 2008. The T-ball diamond will be torn up and improved by the Little League. Potential events include a month for health awareness for residents and the October Festival as a fundraiser.

Kathy Lee gave an update on the community garden. The garden has a deer-proof fence, 10 raised beds, 3 handicap accessible beds, and 10 in-ground plots. One handicapped accessible bed, one raised bed, and one in-ground plot are rented. Extra produce will be donated to the Nineveh Trustee and The Lord's Locker. Other updates: A \$4,700 grant was obtained. The dog park security system is operating with 10 members. Brown's Tree Service donated 60 yards of mulch for the wilderness trail, and another family bought 20 yards.

Jon Query spoke about the project for the new 1.5 million gallon water storage tank. Mr. Query said one bid was received from Mid Atlantic Storage Systems for \$3,245,666. The site work was considerably higher than estimated due to unknowns related to old piping from the 1940s and an old foundation from World War II-era. It is unknown exactly how deep the foundation goes

underground. Council members discussed learning more about the old foundation to potentially reduce costs or possibly doing the labor ourselves. Councilor Anthony Giger questions if a different location would be cheaper as to not have to remove the old foundation. Utilities Superintendent Scott Blackwell doesn't think there's room, and the proposed location allows the current reservoir to stay online during construction. This would allow for a quick turn, maybe one or two days of running temporary off the tower. Mr. Blackwell expressed concern about demoing the reservoir first, which would avoid foundation issues, but result in months of running and trying to keep water going for everyone. Mr. Giger asks if other companies have been contacted to re-evaluate the epoxy line tank versus the baseline tank. He suggests rebidding the whole thing, but not just the tank and is in favor of holding off and seeing what work can be done in-house to save money. Mr. Query stated rebidding would lead to higher bids. The Town's financial advisor, Steve Brock agreed with Mr. Query. Mr. Brock was cautious against rebidding or delaying due to potential cost increases, citing a 40% increase in construction costs in one year. Current financing includes a 4.6% interest rate for 35 years through the Indiana State Revolving Fund, which could be lost if the project is delayed. Mr. Brock completed a rate study and a 15% increase in only water rates for wholesale and retail customers to fund the project. There is a \$200,000 contingency that could be used on "like projects" if it is not needed. Mr. Brock is aiming for a filing date in July; a pre-closing is scheduled for the first week of August a public hearing will need to be scheduled for July 21st. The rates and charges have to be advertised 10 days prior to the public hearing and adopted before closing. He prefers to introduce the rates at a public hearing in July and then adopt in August.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve from Mid Atlantic Storage Systems for \$3,245,666. Councilor Kevin Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Andy Tanner asked for a fourth full-time police officer. Mr. Bourne stated the police department's budget is going to be cut next year and the funds are not available.

A resident asked what the status is of allowing chickens. Mr. Bourn stated it's still at the Planning Commission phase. A public hearing might be scheduled in July, and then the recommendation will be sent to the council for approval/disapproval. Meeting dates will be posted on social media and the sign in front of Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve the May 19, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Kevin Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers spoke. They have increased traffic stops to encourage slower driving.

- Street gangs from Indianapolis are targeting unlocked cars in Whiteland and Franklin, looking for keys, wallets, guns, and cash. Wanted to make everyone aware in case they come down here.
- Cameras are still working well. Traffic and Road Concerns, a resident suggested a camera at Dyson and Lakeview due to frequent near-misses at the stop sign.
- Concern raised about needing cameras at all stop signs and potential "big brother" accusations.
- Resident believes it's a potentially fatal accident waiting to happen due to an 8-foot drop into a creek and guardrail road

south of the three way is damaged and dangerous. Request for a flashing sign at the county line approaching Prince's Lakes to slow down traffic. Councilor Anthony Giger stated the County is responsible for repairs. Suggestion was made to send a letter from the Town Council asking for repairs to be made.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. He stated he is going to reapply for the DCIP grant by July third. The SCADA project had a test trial and worked properly. He is still working with Mr. Robbins to secure the necessary easement from the State. He is in the process of negotiating with American Pump for Barnes pumps (similar to Myers pumps) to save approximately \$300 per pump. The town uses about 40 pumps a year. Mr. Blackwell wanted to point out that there were no rate increases during COVID, unlike many other places. Request to auction off an old 1965 Chevy truck that has been sitting at the wastewater plant for 30 years. A buyer is willing to pay \$999 and haul it away. It would cost the town \$300-\$400 to and remove it. Council has no issue with Mr. Blackwell selling the old truck.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Street Department Supervisor Terry West was absent. Mr. Harrison request to replace the guardrail after an uninsured resident crashed into it back to proper standards and presented an invoice for \$2,500 to C-TEK.

- Councilor Harrison made a motion to approve the invoice for \$2,500.00 to C-Tek. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, May 22, 2025 & June 6, 2025, allowance docket claims and HWC invoice #8 and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$158,242.70 \$758,327.09, \$42,634.36, \$45,170.60, \$24,300.00. Mrs. Lyden-Giger updated Council on camera installation. – Cameras were supposed to be installed on June 5 and 6, owner had a family emergency, but promises to have them installed and running before our next meeting in July when the law to live stream goes into effect. She also said all meetings that take place in the same room as Town Council meetings must be live streamed.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Lee Robbins spoke, contacts regarding trash service were sent out, as discussed in the last meeting.

- Recycling suggestion is being worked on.
- Aim to implement recycling at the beginning of 2026.
- Email with changes/additions to Mr. Robbins by August.
- New Whiteland has a service contract that allows residents to buy additional bags for upcoming weeks.
- Resident could communicate directly with the contractor to pay for additional bags.
- Consider heavy trash options.

- Get general cost idea for heavy trash pickup twice a year.

Contract Length and Scope of Service:

- A four-year contract would be cheaper than a three- or two-year contract.
- Consider the scope of service, such as heavy pickup, once week a month or once a week, or every three months.
- Heavy trash pickup could be offered once a year, along with cleanup once a year.
- Alert people in advance about heavy trash pickup days.

Recycling Options and Costs:

- Get prices for one trash can, one recycling can, and heavy trash pickup four or six times a year.
- Consider a two-year entry.
- Recycling every other week and trash every week might be cheaper.
- Consider opt-in/out option for recycling.

OLD BUSINESS:

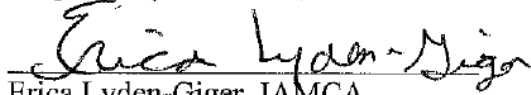
Mr. Harrison suggested again that ten percent of the street department's salary be taken out of the parks budget since they mow the park. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated that can be done, but it is such a small amount nothing would be accomplished by making the change.

NEW BUSINESS:

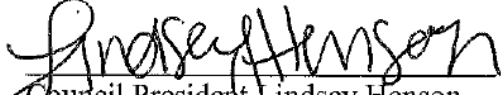
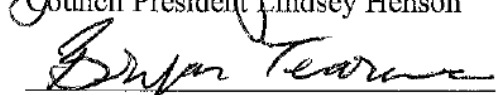
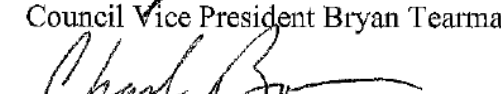
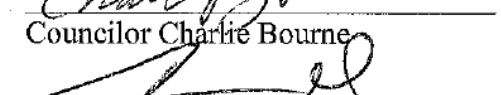
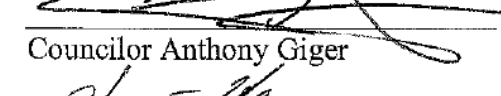
Councilor Anthony Giger made a motion to authorize the Clerk-Treasurer to move funds into Trust Indiana as she deems necessary. Councilor Harrison Councilor seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Councilor Bourne motioned to adjourn at 7:42 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