



MEETING MINUTES

PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

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

March 16, 2026

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

COUNCILOR ABSENT: COUNCIL V PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN

CLERK-TREASURER ABSENT: ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT: LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT: MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS, UTILITES SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT BLACKWELL, STREET DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR TONY PIKE, DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER ELENA HAMMOND
PUBLIC PRESENT:

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

- No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council President Henson motioned to approve the February 17, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Councilor Bourne seconded. Motion passed.

Mrs. Henson opened the public hearing. Kristy Jerrell with Jerrell Consulting spoke. The Town is applying for a Community Development Block grant from the Indiana Office of Community Affairs. These are federal grant dollars. The grant is highly competitive. Two public hearings are required. First public hearing is today, proposal due date on or before April 5th. Final public hearing: May. Final application submission on or before June 7th. Announcement of awards possibly mid-August. The total project cost: \$4,082,500. Grant request: \$750,000 (maximum amount). Local match would be \$3,332,500, \$2,500 in previously paid environmental review. \$3,330,000 in the local bank loan and a loan commitment letter is needed for the application. The project is for a new 12-inch water main loop to tie in a dead-end main at State Road 252 and Airport Road.

Over 16,000 ft of water main. Preliminary design includes 14 fire hydrants. Includes 10 meter pits and corresponding 1-inch service lines (totaling about 200ft). Benefits: Another supply of water. Improved water quality. Eliminate stagnant water. Redundancy in the water system. Helps with pressures in the northeastern area.

Resolution IOCRA 2026-01 authorizes the submission of the grant application and commitment of the local match. Town council president is authorized to prepare and submit the application. Town of Prince's Lakes is committing \$3,332,500 in matching funds.

\$2,500 previously paid environmental review. \$3,330,000 local bank loan from Mutual Savings Bank.

- Council President Henson motioned to approve Resolution IOCRA 2026-01. Councilor Bourne seconded. Motion carried.

PARK BOARD REPORT:

Councilor Giger gave estimate from Marshall Mechanical for heating and cooling updates in the concession stand. Marshall Mechanical is donating parts and labor, only asking to be paid for the unit itself. Requesting council to review and approve. Gave quote from GP Construction for concessions work. Demo plywood walls, insulate all wall, blow insulation in the attic (minimum 10 inches), seal up any open spaces in the ceiling, install FRP board in prep areas, new window for the concession window (slider on both sides), move the wooden door back to protect glass, paint all walls and ceilings gloss white (two coats), two new doors for the bathrooms with deadbolts. Quote: \$18,516.08 (labor and material). A new 50 or 40-gallon water heater will be installed. Dave's Electric will donate labor for electrical upgrades, but the park will need to pay for electrical appliances like strip lighting, GFCI outlets, wire outlet boxes, and an exit sign. Two LED lights will be added to the bathrooms and tied into the exhaust fans. Security motion lights will be installed on the front and back of the building. The total cost for the concession stand renovations is estimated to be under \$25,000.

Park Board President Catherine Gleason also updated Council on field improvements. A company removed the surface of field one to prepare it. Got wire connectors to fix the fence at the small ball field. Plan on purchasing chain fence for the front to protect the little kids.

The Little League uses the concession stand as a fundraiser. Coca-Cola has offered a contract to supply coolers for the concession stand and a vending machine for Chuck's Pavilion. The park board would need to pay for the product upfront with a 90-day grace period, the proceeds from selling Coca-Cola products would go to the park board funds, not the Little League. Coca-Cola has also agreed to donate \$12,074.50 in scoreboards, which would be delivered next season.

Mrs. Gleason provided an estimate for both a tempered glass backboard and a steel backboard. The steel backboard is recommended for parks due to vandalism concerns. Wolverine provided an estimate of \$1,450 for the installation of the new backboard. A provision was requested to beef up the footer with more concrete during installation. Adjust both basketball hoops because they are not the same height. Need to post "no hanging" signs.

Trafalgar has much moved everything to Prince's Lakes this year. Councilor Giger would like to look into the property directly across from the utility office and ask Patriot Products if they would be willing to lease that first section of property that's not fenced in to create a new ball park.

Mr. Giger asked permission from the Town Council to proceed to make contact with Patriot Products to see if they would be willing to entertain the thought. He would like to develop that area for the future little League to be able to come in and play and also host tournaments as a money maker.

- Council President Henson motioned to approve Marshall Mechanical estimate, GP Construction estimate and Wolverine installation. Councilor Giger seconded. Councilor Harrison voted no, Councilor Bourne voted yes, Councilor Giger voted yes, Council President Henson voted yes, Motion carried.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers gave his report. The police department needs a new ID making system because the old one crashed. The cost of a new system is estimated to be between \$500 and \$1,000. Police IDs are PVC and last three to five years. Councilor Giger expressed thanks to GP-Construction, CNS, Dave's Electric, IT guys, and everyone involved in recent projects. The Town is happy with the recent progress and has received compliments.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. Congressman Shreve's office contacted the Town of Trafalgar. There is community funding money available. Mr. Blackwell and the town manager for Trafalgar co-authored a grant application for \$1 million and he wrote a letter of endorsement. Colonel Bell from Camp Atterbury wrote a letter of recommendation to support the grant application. This would help with the new water line project to Trafalgar. The reservoir project has been on hold but is resuming with full staff next Monday. The billing office is going through BSA training and anticipates going live in April with the new software. A rebuilt generator for the main lift station is expected to be installed March 19. Getting ready to install meter on Nineveh life station. Councilor Giger asked about employees using the new timekeeping system. Mr. Blackwell stated some of the technicians do not want the location setting on their phone. He stated if they don't want the location set on their phone, then they can use the iPad. Mr. Giger said if employees are using their phone to clock in, the location should be enabled, if they do not want to enable their location, then they need to use the iPad. Mr. Blackwell agreed and said if they are on-call they can use the iPad. Mr. Giger asked Marshal Southers if all of the offices are using the system. Marshal Southers said they are. Mr. Giger said when changes are being made to the policy, everyone needs to follow the new policy and wants to make sure everyone is happy. Mr. Blackwell said everyone is in a good spot.

Town Attorney Lee Robbins said Mr. Blackwell has communicated with Mutual Savings Bank in Franklin about financing the water line project. It would be simpler than selling bonds because they would not have to satisfy stringent funding requirements. There is a financing statute for public works projects that allows a town to borrow money from a financial institution, but the term of the loan can't exceed 10 years. Mr. Robbins stated Jim Higgins suggested that Mutual Savings Bank could buy and hold the bonds themselves, which could be the best of both worlds. He suggests having the conversation with Mutual Savings Bank to discuss packaging the loan as municipal bonds that they would buy and hold for a longer term. Councilor Harrison asked if we could do a 10 year balloon payment and then refinance. Mr. Robbins stated that is defeating the purpose of the statute.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Street Department Supervisor Tony Pike finished repairing the hole in the back of the salt barn to address the raccoon problem. Installed a new mail box at Eddie's Pizza and took down the broken backboard. Took the truck for rust inspection. Installed new signs. The mini and skid steer were pressure washed, and 23 and a half tons of treated salt were delivered. A tree leaning into power lines was cut down and left on the side of the road. A resident is installing an invisible fence this week and would like the tree cleaned up. It is in the right-a-way. Mr. Pike is seeking permission to spend \$2,260 on new traction. There hasn't been much response to the job posting. Mr. Pike was going to ask Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger to check the cost of listing on online websites.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve the \$2,260 for the new tracks. Councilor Giger seconded. Motion carried.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Elena Hammond presented General, Utilities, February 26, 2026 & March 12, 2026, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$216,778.87, \$367,048.83, \$42,075.88, \$45,055.12 and HWC invoice #17 for \$8,033.08

- Council President Henson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Bourne seconded. Motion carried.
- Councilor Giger motioned to pay HWC #17 for \$8,033.08. Councilor Bourne seconded. Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was made about fixing the tornado siren. Awaits email with quote for repairs; estimate around \$10,000. Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated Indiana code addresses county responsibility for tornado sirens, but doesn't mandate counties to provide them. If a county decides to provide tornado sirens, it must adhere to Indiana code. No public agency is obligated to warn residents of storms. Need to decide whether to maintain the warning system and authorize repairs/replacements. Council President Henson said Southern Johnson County Trustee has a line item for related expenses and is willing to contribute. Town may need to obligate itself to pay for repairs and then seek contribution from the Trustee. There was a verbal commitment from the Trustee to help with siren repairs, but no contract. Council wants a contract for regular siren checks to prevent future issues. Marshal Southers stated the system was improperly installed 17 years ago, groundings were improperly installed, causing damage from lightning strikes. Equipment is failing, and batteries are depleted. It needed inspected and care every six months and it has not been. Marshal Southers has lived through seven tornadoes in the Town and feels it's important to have a siren. Replacement cost could be as high as \$37,000. Council Giger has concerns about spending money on repairs when the siren's overall condition is uncertain. Suggested to table the decision for a week or so to gather more information.

- Councilor Bourne motion to approve repairs from Table Rock for tornado siren up to \$10,000.00. Council President Henson seconded. Harrison voted yes, Councilor Bourne voted yes, Councilor Giger voted no, Council President Henson voted yes, Motion carried

Councilor Giger presented Southside Electric invoice for \$3100.00 for running power from pavilion to picnic area. This was approved last fall and the work was completed recently.

- Council President Henson motioned to approve Southside Electric for \$3100.00 and for payment. Councilor Bourne seconded. Councilor Harrison voted no, Councilor Bourne voted yes, Councilor Giger voted yes, Council President Henson voted yes, Motion carried.

Mr. Giger stated they had previous discussed having an ordinance requiring anyone under 18 years of age must wear a helmet when riding a motorized scooter or bicycle. Marshal Southers is in support of this motion. Mr. Robbins will update an ordinance and forward it to Marshal Southers.

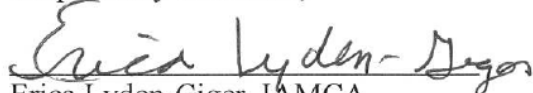
NEW BUSINESS:

Marshal Southers asked to carry over 80 hours of vacation until the end of April.

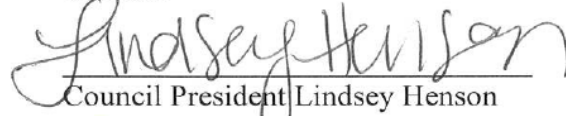
- Councilor Bourne motioned to allow Marshal Southers to carry over 80 hours of vacation until the end of April. Councilor Harrison seconded. Motion carried.

With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Henson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,

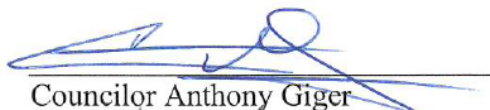

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Clerk-Treasurer

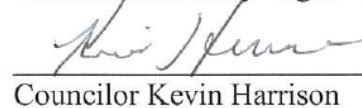
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