



MEETING MINUTES
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164
November 20, 2025

COUNCILORS PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDSEY HENSON
COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE
COUNCILOR ANTHONY GIGER
COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON

COUNCILOR ABSENT:

COUNCIL V PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN

CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT:

ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

PUBLIC PRESENT:

MIKE GALLAMORE
SCOTT BLACKWELL

SPECIAL GUEST:

KRISTY JERRELL

Council President Henson called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Grant administrator Kristy Jerrell updated Council on the water improvement project. April of 2026 is when the application is due, we find out in August of 2026 if we were awarded the grant and then construction can begin late 2026, or early 2027. The community needs 10 more income surveys to be complete. The survey should be completed and submitted within 2.5 weeks.

Permission to use the survey is needed when applying for water funding. Income surveys need to cover the entire water service area, not just town limits and a new income survey for a Town project would be required to cover only the town limits. The previous survey required 48 responses.

The project engineer, Jon Query, is working with utility superintendent, Scott Blackwell, to save money, aiming to reduce the project cost by \$300,000.

INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS (OCRA) - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

* Grant options:

- * Water/Wastewater: \$750,000 (10% match)
- * Public Facilities (community center, fire station, etc.): \$750,000 (10% match)
- * A town can have three open grants at a time but can only apply for one at a time.
- * The current focus is on the water grant, applying in April, with funding decisions expected in August.

ARCHITECT RECOMMENDATION

Timothy Henning from Vanderburg County is recommended for architectural services. He charges \$6,000 for preliminary designs and \$60,000 total, which is less than most architects.

COMMUNITY CENTER RESTRICTIONS

If a Town Hall is included in the community center, it cannot be moved into the facility for five years after construction. A portion of the building's costs related to the town hall space would be ineligible for grant funding, however, retrofitting an existing building is an option.

COMMUNITY CENTER USAGE

- * A meeting room can be used as a Town Council meeting room.
- * Ideas include a large steel building with a basketball court and meeting rooms.
- * Explore the possibility of a grant for a greenhouse.

NEXT STEPS

Miss Jerrell can bring the architect to a meeting to look at the property and discuss ideas. Need to determine how much match money is available for the project. The community center grants require a 10% match. Designate one person to meet with Tim to discuss the project.

GRANT APPLICATION TIMELINE AND REQUIREMENTS

A full-blown application is required at the time of proposal, with a proposal due by October 16, 2026, and the final application due by December 18, 2026. The process needs to start quickly to meet these deadlines.

FINANCES

- * The Town has a utility that will be paying over \$100,000 a year into the pilot program.
- * Pilot program money can accumulate over 2-3 years to match funds.
- * Reach out to Johnson County Community Foundation gives around \$25,000 grants.

ADDITIONAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES & IDEAS

Duke Energy and Eli Lilly offer grants.

Preferable to receive money instead of in-kind donations due to warranty concerns.

Crowdsourcing can be used to raise funds, with potential matching funds from organizations

Miss Jerrell also presented information regarding a splash pad. They require chemical maintenance and monitoring of pH levels. Indiana Department of Natural Resources grant with 50/50 match, up to \$700,000. Splash pads are becoming popular, and do not require a full-time lifeguard. Requires a unisex, handicap-accessible bathroom. Recirculating pads require UV purification, pump systems, screens, test stations, and chemical feed systems. Requires a park board established by Indiana code and a five-year master plan turned into DNR. DNR allows changes to be made to the plan.

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPTIONS

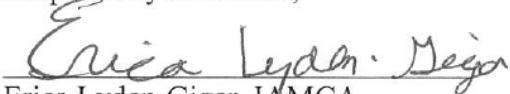
There is an old wastewater building that some council members want to turn into a police department, but an alternative plan involves updating the current space to be used for the next five to six years and then moving the police department to the community building. The old wastewater garage can be turned into a garage and evidence room now. The council earmarked the rest of the \$11,000 of the ARPA funds for the police department. Miss Jerrell recommends remodeling the current police department instead of the old wastewater building.

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger asked for approval to pay Andrew's Technology for \$5885.00, ahead of next month's meeting.

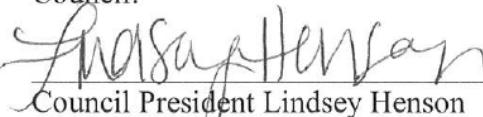
- Council President Henson motioned to move forward with the grant application process, contingent upon affordability. Councilor Giger seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Henson motioned to approve the claim for Andrew's Technology for \$5885.00. Councilor Giger seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

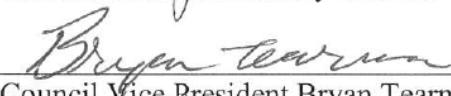
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Henson adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,


Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:


Lindsey Henson
Council President


Bryan Tearman
Council Vice President


Charlie Bourne
Councilor


Anthony Giger
Councilor


Kevin Harrison
Councilor

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