



**MEETING MINUTES**  
*PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL*  
**PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164**  
**July 15, 2024**

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON  
COUNCIL V. PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN  
COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE  
COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON  
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: TED FUNK

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Nelson called the public hearing to order at 6:30 pm

Town Attorney Lee Robbins explained the purpose of the public hearing is to approve an additional appropriation for fund 2257 Opioid Restricted Funds. Mr. Robbins said all communities in Johnson County with the exception of Greenwood, are entering in the Interlocal Cooperation agreement in order to distribute and manage opioid funds and programs. Communities receiving less than \$5,000.00 per year already have their funds sent the County and this additional appropriation will allow the \$958.16 the Town currently has to be sent to the County as well. Mr. Robbins asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on this matter. There were no members of the public that wished to comment on the issue.

Mr. Nelson closed the public hearing.

Mr. Robbins presented RESOLUTION 2024-03- ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER RESOLUTION FOR OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2024 and RESOLUTION 2024-02 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE TOWN OF PRINCE'S LAKES. Mr. Nelson explained that

a representative of each Council for each Town needs to be appointed to the board for the Johnson County Opioid Remediation Grant Program.

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve Resolution 2024-03 as presented. Council Vice President Bryan Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Councilor Charlie Bourne motioned to approve Resolution 2024-02 as presented. Councilor Lindsey Hensen seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

- No public comment

Kevin Harrison stated Ted Funk was here to be appointed to the Planning Commission.

- Council President Nelson motioned to appoint Ted Funk to the Planning Commission. Council Vice President Bryan Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve the June 17, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:**

Marshal Greg Southers said he meet with a potential new IT specialist, Jason Patridge. He said he informed Mr. Patridge as to all of his software needs and his contract will be \$5000.00 per year and will support all software and storage needs. Mr. Patridge will have to get training through the State in order to be able help set up e-Tickets.

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve the contract for Jason Patridge for \$5000.00 Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. He stated the grant has been submitted and will know between August 8 and August 17 if we were awarded grant. The yearly water loss audit has been started. Mr. Blackwell stated the power switch over happened today and the water plant was out of power for 5 hours and the new water tower on SR 252 was able to supply everyone without any interruption of service. The final aspects of the Lead Copper Rule Revisions report is due August 24 and they are almost finished with that.

Mr. Blackwell said that it is not looking very promising to fix the main lift station generator that got damaged recently. He had Barry Electric install an outlet in order to plug in the portable generator. One quote he has received is \$86,000 to replace the generator, but Mr. Blackwell is going over all options including possibly purchasing a new portable generator. He said they need to fix sampler and flow charts at the wastewater plant and other electrical components and the clarifier will be scheduled to be fixed. He also said the refund with Mrs. Moore has been settled.

Mr. Blackwell said he has hired a new part time billing clerk and said it happened quickly and he was going on vacation and wanted to get her started before he left. The utility billing clerk is also going on vacation and wanted her to be able to start training before she went on vacation so that she would be able to fill in while she's gone. Mr. Blackwell said he did not create a new position, but filled a vacancy. Mrs. Henson asked who was going to be her supervisor and Mr. Blackwell stated the daily routine will be the billing clerk, but the final say will be his decision.

After discussion,

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve the hire of Audrey Lassiter as a part time utility billing clerk for \$17.00 per hour. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Supervisor Mike Miller said they have been cold patching and trimming trees. The paving project is supposed to start on July 16 with patching.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, June 20, 2024 & July 3, 2024, allowance docket claims and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$175,292.99 \$741,266.08, \$41,040.40, \$43,825.05

- Council President Nelson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated she would like to have the Town Clean-Up day in late April instead of June due to the extreme temperatures. She said no decision needs to be made yet, but would like Council to think about it.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger updated the Council on the playground issues. She said the fibar has been top-off as requested by Little Tykes and it still has not fixed the shakiness of the climber. Mr. Miller stated the fall on the spinner is better, but the climber still has movement. Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked Mr. Miller if he spoke to the installer the last time he was here and Mr. Miller stated he spoke with him and he knew it was shaky, but said it was installed according to specifications. Discussion was made about the safety of the equipment. Mr. Harrison said we agreed to add more fibar to see if that would fix the issue and it did not and they need to come back and fix the issue. Mr. Robbins suggested authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to pay the claim upon them fixing the issue and a representative from the Council making that determination.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger told Council that when the leak and mold in the kitchen was fix, the outside of the building was not fix. The contractor has installed a sheet of plywood to the outside of the building as a temporary fix to close the opening. She also said there is a draining issue causing too much water to pool around the building. She has a quote to get the outside damage fixed. Discussion was made about fixing both issues and Mr. Harrison is going to assess the situation and make a plan of action.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger said she sent Council documents about procedures for Procurement and Cost Principles policies and asked for approval and adoption.

- Councilor Harrison motioned not to pay any of the invoice to Parkcreation Inc until they resolve all issues. Councilor Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Nelson motioned to authorize Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger to pay the claim once the work on the playground has been completed satisfactorily and authorize Kevin Harrison and Mike Miller to make that determination. Council Vice President Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Council President Nelson motioned to approve and adopt the Procurement Policy and Cost Principles Policy. Councilor Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

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

Mr. Robbins gave an update on the easements for the new water main project. McFarland & Zeller easements are signed, Napp is in a trust and has been sent to the attorney. He has spoken to the representative of the trust and have said they will grant the easement. B & D farm has been mailed. McTurnin farm is willing to sign acceptance of offer. Clark has agreed to grant the easement, but has yet to sign and we are still waiting on the State easements.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Marshall Southers said he talked with Mike Gallamore about the TOPL Festival and that he wanted to have an outdoor alcohol drinking area. Mr. Tearman stated he thinks it's a good idea to have drinking area and thinks we need to give it a try. Discussion was made and Council agrees with Mr. Tearman.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

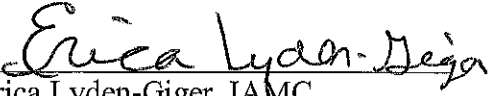
Mr. Bourne stated he received an email about having a Flood Plan administrator and asked if we are required to have one. Mr. Robbins said yes and Mr. Harrison asked if the building inspector could be the admin. Mr. Robbins stated yes, most of the time it is the building inspector. Mr. Bourne also asked if the meetings can be changed to start at 6:00 and discussion was made.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to approve change to the start time of the meetings from 6:30 to 6:00. Council President Nelson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Nelson asked if Council's opinion change about the cell tower after the survey comes back. Mr. Harrison said he does not care about the tower either way, Mr. Bourne said if people want if he feels they have to do it. Mrs. Henson does not want the tower and her opinion will not change. Mr. Nelson said if it won't change people's opinion then let's just vote no on the tower. He said most people who have been to the meetings have not wanted it and people still post online that they do not want it either. Mrs. Henson stated she feels like they owe the public a survey.

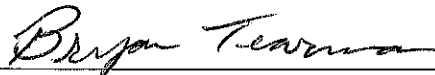
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Nelson motioned to adjourn at 8:13 pm Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMC  
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:

  
Council President Greg Nelson

  
Council Vice President Bryan Tearman

  
Councilor Charlie Bourne

  
Councilor Kevin Harrison

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Councilor Lindsey Henson