

**MEETING MINUTES**  
*PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL*  
**PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2022**

COUNCILORS PRESENT: VICE PRESIDENT MIKE GALLAMORE  
COUNCILOR KAREN HARRISON  
COUNCILOR PHILIP MONTARSI  
COUNCILOR BRYAN TEARMAN

COUNCILOR ABSENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON  
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  
BUILDING INSPECTOR TOM THOMPSON

PUBLIC PRESENT: ANTHONY GIGER

Council Vice President Gallamore called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Jon Query with HWC informed the Council that he submitted an Engineering Services Agreement about the Department of Defense Grant. It's a 2-component project for water system interconnection with the Town of Edinburgh and water main loop from Camp Atterbury rail facility, up Schoolhouse Road to 252 and West on 252 to Airport Road, to connect Prince's Lakes current system. This came about from a US Department of Defense Grant that Utilities Superintended, Scott Blackwell has been working on. The Engineering, Design, Survey, Permitting will be funded by the grant. The Town has to match 10% of the grant, which is \$53,500.00. Town's labor including Mr. Blackwell, Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger, Town Council or any other Town employee can be included in the 10%. Mr. Query also stated there are some easements that are needed. Mr. Blackwell stated there is one family farm that the Town will need to get an easement, possibly two. He also stated this project will create a second loop and have redundant setup to connect the whole system and lay ground work for future growth. Mr. Blackwell also stated he feels strongly that since we received the grant for the design and engineering, it is favorable to receive a grant for the construction. Mr. Blackwell also stated that we will not receive the funds up front, Mrs. Lyden-Giger will submit a claim and funds will be

reimbursed. Mr. Gallamore stated that once the claim is submitted, the Town will receive reimbursement within 24 to 48 hours.

After discussion,

- Councilor Phil Montarsi made a motion to approve the HWC Service Agreement contingent upon Lee Robbins review and authorize Council Vice President Mike Gallamore to sign. Councilor Bryan Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

- No public comment

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- Councilor Phil Montarsi made a motion to approve the August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes and August 30, 2022 Executive Session Memorandum. Councilor Bryan Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:**

Marshal Greg Southers spoke about concerns with residents not following the rules regarding golf cart violations. Marshal Southers stated he has had a lot of violations with no seatbelts, child endangerment and underage driving. He would like to have an ordinance to be able to write tickets for the violations. He is going to contact Lee Roberts in order to complete that.

Marshal Southers stated he was approached by Knightstown to purchase the new drug dog, Denver for \$5,000.00. He stated JR Grounds has a drug dog, Zena, and she has been certified. Mr. Tearman asked how much the Town has invested in Denver. Marshal Southers stated \$3,500.00 and he might be able to get Denver's sister. He also stated he would like Denver to be able to be used to the best of his ability and believes Knightstown will be a good fit. He is asking permission to sell. Mr. Tearman asked if we have a dog with tracking abilities. Marshal Southers stated Zena can track and he can also get a tracking dog from the County.

After discussion,

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the sale of Denver to Knightstown in the amount of \$5000.00. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Marshal Southers presented the Council with bids for a new police vehicle. 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe for \$42,500.00 - Fletcher 2022 Dodge Durango Pursuit for \$37,900, Bloomington Ford – Police Interceptor Utility for \$32,450.25. The Dodge will come in quicker than the other vehicles.

After discussion,

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe in the amount of \$42,500.00. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Marshal Southers informed the Council that his laptop and desktop computer stopped working. He believes the laptop needs replaced, but is unsure of the desktop. His IT company will look at that.

Marshal Southers presented the Council with a quote to start getting e-Tickets. For each car to be equipped with everything it will cost \$942.50, for a total of \$3770.00. He informed the Council that they are the last department in Johnson County to have this technology and the Indiana State Police want them to start using e-Tickets. Marshal Southers also asked the Council for approval of an invoice he forgot to turn in for \$100.00 to Tectical Inc for fixing a broken radio.

After discussion,

- Councilor Tearman made a motion to approve the purchase of a e-Tickets in the amount of \$3,770.00. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously
- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the claim to Tectical Inc in the amount of \$100.00. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously

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

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. He stated the DOD grant is for \$517,000 and the engineering agreement from HWC is \$421,000.00 There is room to add services if needed.

Mr. Blackwell presented an updated fee schedule. The Town has not raised rates in years and with the increased cost in materials, Mr. Blackwell feels the increased prices are sufficient. The current prices do not cover what it cost to install. Town attorney Lee Robbins stated Towns are entitled to charge what the actual charge of installation is and can change rates each year if needed. Mr. Robbins suggested Mr. Blackwell determine a number and next month have a public hearing to adjust rates. Mr. Montarsi stated he feels Mr. Blackwell has accurate numbers and would like move forward with his numbers. Mr. Blackwell stated he has put a lot of time in this project and feels his numbers are sufficient. Mr. Robbins will get a public hearing set for next month before the next Council meeting.

Mr. Blackwell also stated the meter deposit is too low. The minimum bill is \$99.08 for Prince's Lakes and the meter deposit is \$50.00. Mr. Robbins suggested having a \$75.00 deposit for water and a \$75.00 wastewater deposit. Mr. Blackwell stated he feels that rate is sufficient.

Mr. Blackwell stated he received a quote for a roofing company for \$33,000 to fix the roofs on the wells. He also presented a quote from GP Construction in the amount of \$15,813.00.

Mr. Blackwell informed the Council that lightning struck the well pump and it needs replaced now. Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked if insurance is going cover the pump, Mr. Blackwell stated he will contact the insurance company and has a quote from Bass and Logan to do the cleaning, replace the pump all the wiring, the valves and piping is \$23,885.00

Mr. Blackwell mentioned to the Council that he has met with 4 different architect firms about the new water office. He should have bids next two weeks. Mr. Blackwell also informed the Council that the EPA has started a new program that requires utilities to identify every service line from the main to the meter and the meter to the house. If the pipe has lead in it, the municipality is responsible to replace every line. This is a huge project requiring a lot of man power and data entry. They have already started documenting service lines since installing Ziptility, therefore laying some groundwork already.

Discussion was made about wholesaling water to bulk haulers. Mr. Blackwell feels at this time it is not a good idea. It will cost \$15,000-\$20,000 to install a filling station and \$3,500.00 for each individual meters. He believes the issue with Trafalgar selling water has been resolved, but the Council feels they might be breaking their contract by selling bulk water. The Town of Trafalgar would like to amend the contract stating they can sell bulk water. Mr. Robbins will draft a document allowing for the sell of bulk water.

Mr. Blackwell told the Council that he was able to return over 200 new meters and received a \$50,000.00 credit.

Mr. Blackwell informed the Council that they are in need of a new sewer vac. He is able to get \$25,000.00 trade in for a current sewer vac and will get quotes for a new one.

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the quote from GP Construction to repair the roofs on the wells in the amount of \$15,813.00 Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Councilor Tearman made a motion to approve the quote from Bass and Logan to repair well #4 in the amount of \$23,885.00, Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Public Works Supervisor Mike Miller presented the Council with bids for work on the old concession stand building and concrete work in the amount of \$72,090.28 from Stillwater Renovations. Mr. Miller stated he requested three bids and only received one. Mr. Gallamore stated he believes the Council needs to vote to move forward with the project and use the American Rescue Act Plan funds.

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve the bids from Stillwater Construction in the amount of \$72,090.28. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller informed the Council that work has been started on Lakeview Drive to repair damaged called by the fiber bore work. Discussion was made about the loud noise created by the fan in the salt barn. Mr. Gallamore said for Mr. Miller to start the fan at 8:30 in the morning instead of 7:00 and stop at 3:00. Mr. Miller is to contact Mr. Montarsi to check into baffles. Mr. Miller stated the fan does not need to be on when it is not humid outside. Mr. Montarsi asked Mr. Miller to get in contact with a company to remove the tree stumps that are by the picnic tables. He believes it is a risk and does not want someone to trip over them.

## CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented Town Water & Wastewater claims and ask the Council for approval in the amount of \$226,444.95 and \$314,606.51

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve claims for Town, Water, & Wastewater as presented in the amount of \$226,444.95 and \$314,606.51. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented the August 18, 2022 allowance docket, August 31, 2022 allowance docket and September 15, 2022 allowance docket and asked the Council for approval in the amounts of \$34,666.18, \$34,468.42 & \$33,824.89.

- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve the August 18, 2022 allowance docket in the amount of \$34,666.18, August 31, 2022 allowance docket in the amount of \$34,468.42 & September 15, 2022 allowance docket in the amount of \$33,824.89. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger presented **Appropriation Reduction Resolution 2022-1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN BUDGET BY REDUCING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS**. Mrs. Lyden-Giger informed the Council that since there will not be a paving project in 2022 and funds were budgeted for that project, but that appropriation is no longer needed, an appropriation reduction in MVH in the amount of \$46,829.00 needs to be approved and submitted in order for the 2023 budget to be able to be funded.

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve **Appropriation Reduction Resolution 2022-1 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2022 PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN BUDGET BY REDUCING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS**. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Mrs. Lyden-Giger also asked the Council if power can be installed to the area where the flag is for future use and to properly light the flag. Councilor Tearman stated he has a bid from Davis Electric.

After discussion,

- Councilor Tearman made a motion to approve the bid from Davis Electric not to exceed \$6500.00. Council Vice President Gallamore seconded the motion and passed unanimously

Mrs. Lyden-Giger asked approval to pay two invoices that were submitted at cut off. The first invoice is for PopPrint for remaking signs that were stolen in the amount of \$824.50 and the second is for CMR for fixing the power line that was damage by the mower in the amount of \$405.00

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to approve to approve invoices as presented. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously

Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated she was able to get a hold of our Little Tykes representative to get new playground equipment and she will meet with her in October. Mrs. Lyden-Giger also said she and Marshal Southers would like to have a Jeep, Golf Cart/Side-by-Side Parade next month. She feels it would be a fun event for our community. She and Marshal Southers are going to start planning. Mr. Gallamore stated he feels like it would be a good event as well.

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

Mr. Robbins stated two bids were received to demolish 876 Lakeview. One is for \$24,700, the other is \$17,000.00. Mr. Robbins is asking for a motion to accept the lower of the two bids, which is Ghostman Construction and to authorize Tom Thompson to contract with a contractor to perform the work pursuant to contract and bid documents and to authorize the Town to pay the cost to have the work done.

- Councilor Montarsi made a motion to accept the lower of the two bids, which is Ghostman Construction for \$17,000.00 and to authorize Tom Thompson to contract with a contractor to perform the work pursuant to contract and bid documents and to authorize the Town to pay the cost to have the work done. Councilor Tearman seconded the motion and passed unanimously

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Gallamore asked the Council how they feel about the new dangerous curve sign. Councilor Montarsi stated he feels it's in the correct place and no accidents have happened since the sign has been in place. Mr. Gallamore also asked to follow up with the request from the Nineveh Fire Department about storing their fuel on our property. Mr. Montarsi stated they have resolved their theft issues and doesn't feel the Town needs to take on that risk.

Councilor Tearman asked the Council to move forward with getting the new basketball court installed at Town Hall Park. Mr. Tearman stated the basketball court bid for everything was \$52,005.00, but that bid had expired. He would like to have a motion to approve moving forward and not to exceed \$55,000.00 and would like Council approval to start ordering materials.

After discussion,

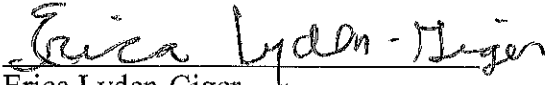
- Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to approve to move forward with the basketball court not to exceed \$55,000.00. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

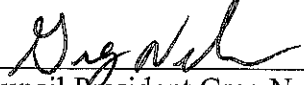

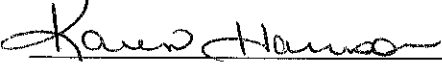
- No new business

With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council Vice President Gallamore made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 P.M. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

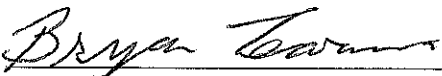
Respectfully submitted,

  
Erica Lyden-Giger  
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:

  
Council President Greg Nelson  
  
Council Vice President Mike Gallamore  
  
Councilor Karen Harrison

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Councilor Philip Montarsi

  
Councilor Bryan Tearman