

**Village of Princeville**  
**Minutes of the Joint Board Meeting**  
**January 17, 2019**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The Princeville Village Board, the Lillie M. Evans Library District Board, and the Princeville Community Unit School District #326 Board met on the above date and time at the Lillie M. Evans Library, 207 N. Walnut Avenue, Princeville, Illinois 61559.

The Joint Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jeff Troutman, President of the Village of Princeville. President Troutman welcome all participants for the Joint Meeting of the Boards.

**Roll Call of the Boards**

The Lillie M. Evans Library Board was called to order. Gayle Johnson-Brackett, Ellen Cluskey, Joanne Cox, Deb Givens, Teresa Bouton, and Diane Smith were present. Zach Waldis was absent.

The Princeville 326 Board of Education was called to order. Michael Harmon, Darin Cowser, Grant DeBord, and Sue Hefler were present. Ben Herrmann and Ron Streitmatter were absent.

The Village of Princeville Board was called to order. President Troutman, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Ehnle, Assistant to Treasurer J. Delbridge, and Clerk Wilson were present. Trustee Sutherland, Trustee Haley, Trustee Geiger, and Trustee Delbridge were absent.

**Library Board** – Deb Givens discussed the upcoming activities for the library:

- Healthy Habits – January 6, 2019 thru March 2, 2019;
- Dance Fitness – Every Tuesday and Monday at 6:30 p.m.;
- Kindness Rock Painting – January 23, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and February 20, 2019 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Book Club – January 28, 2019 at 3 p.m. and February 25, 2019 at 3 p.m.;
- Sleep Easy – January 29, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.;
- Candy Bouquets – February 6, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.;
- Movie Night – February 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.; and,
- Cooking Program – February 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

\*More information can be found at [www.lmelibrary.org](http://www.lmelibrary.org) or [facebook.com/lmelibrary](https://facebook.com/lmelibrary).

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**School Board** – Michael Harmon discussed the following for the schools:

- Entering second phase of projects at schools with half of the monies from the countywide sales tax to be allocated for projects and half of the monies to be utilized toward paying off bonds.
- Plans updated:
  - Fixing main entry way at Grade School.
    - Add parking and change flow to make safer;
  - Upgrade track;
  - Add restrooms near softball field;
  - Improve outdoor facilities; and,
  - Add parking around high school.

Michael Harmon spoke advising projected costs of the aforementioned projects is approximately \$4,000,000.00 and school calculates having approximately \$1,800,000.00 in potential funding for projects and noted priorities at this time are to fixing main entry way at Grade School and upgrading the track. Michael Harmon spoke advising firm hired to evaluate projects and looking to have bids go out this Spring and work completed this Summer. Michael Harmon spoke also to securing funds for new roof at Grade School.

Michael Harmon spoke advising Village of Princeville Board approached the Princeville 326 School Board with recommendation for the School Board to hire a Resource Officer to operate within the schools, and Michael Harmon advised the Board is looking into this recommendation further and will work with the Village of Princeville on same.

Michael Harmon spoke advising School Board is currently reviewing use of the prior grocery store through the Pathway Program. Michael Harmon spoke advising the Pathway Program takes students and gives them real-life experiences and is more involved than cooperatives. Michael Harmon spoke advising students earn course credit and would have students working in the store. Michael Harmon spoke advising School Board looking to open the grocery store and have it administered by the School Board, and School Board is currently in discussions with representatives at Princeville State Bank. Michael Harmon spoke advising School Board would need partnership with help running the store. Library Board President Johnson-Brackett spoke to Michael Harmon inquiring on timeframe, and Michael Harmon responded advising no specific timeframe but months and not years. Library Board President Johnson-Brackett spoke to Michael Harmon inquiring on where monies would come for refurbishing of the building and purchasing of equipment, and Michael Harmon responded, advising, unclear at this time. Library Board President Johnson-Brackett spoke to Michael Harmon inquiring if School Board would hire another staff member to run the store, and Michael Harmon responded, advising, School looking to have income from store sustain staff member. Library Board President Johnson-Brackett inquired to Michael Harmon if there were students interested, and Michael Harmon responded, advising, representative from the Princeville Civic Association (PCA) would address.

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**Village Board** – President Jeff Troutman discussed the following for the Village:

- Public Works' Department working to clear roads of snow and residents pleased with work;
- New Public Works' Employees: Steve Janssen and Joey Sarnes. Mr. Sarnes recently moved to full-time employment from part-time employment. Pleased with work ethic of both new hires;
- Public Works' Team making improvements to Village-owned properties/parks at minimal costs to Village;
  - Approximately 20 new trees added at Cutters Grove Park;
- New Village Employee, Julie Delbridge. Mrs. Delbridge will be replacing Sue Hofer who will be retiring in 2019 as Treasurer for the Village;
- Village Committees and Board reviewing, updating, and implementing new ordinances/codes;
- Village Board had apartment structure on Spring Street condemned and will demolish structure in 2019;
- January 27, 2019 begins replacement of water meters for those serviced with water from Village. Project scheduled to begin in November 2018 but several delays. Customers will receive notice to schedule their service approximately seven (7) to ten (10) days out from January 27, 2019. Customers will be required to allow access to the vendor in order to implement the upgrade. Village noted approximately 30 customers were not receiving monthly water invoice, due to address transfer that did not transfer all addresses, and this will be corrected with upgrade. Cost of the project is approximately \$450,000.00 in-future cost savings from project
  - Real-time usage can be sent on excess water usage;
  - Show customers dates/times of water usage;
- Village Board listened to residents, with regard to speed limit being high on N. Santa Fe, and Board requested Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) conduct a traffic study. IDOT completed study and speed being reduced in several areas on N. Santa Fe.
- Village Board listened to residents, with regard to speed limit being high on E. Spring Street, and Board requested Peoria County Department of Transportation conduct a traffic study. Peoria County Department of Transportation reduced the speed starting at curve coming in and out of Village on E. Spring Street.
- Village Board approved amending Village Ordinance to allow ATV/4-wheelers to travel on roadways maintained by the Village. ATV/4wheelers are not required to wear seatbelt but requirement for those up to 18 years old to wear helmet. This amendment provides law enforcement easier access to obtaining owner information if ATV involved in an accident as those ATV wishing to travel on Village roads must be registered with Village.
- Updated Ordinance on pets as obtained list of all pet owners within the Village. Cost of obtaining a pet license is \$2.00 per pet, and Village currently working on having all pet owners securing a pet license.
- Pool Committee will work with Mr. Rice, in 2019, who wishes to establish a website exclusively for the Princeville Aquatic Center.

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**Village Board** – President Jeff Troutman discussed the following for the Village (continued):

- Village has three (3) Trustee seats up for election in 2019 and four (4) candidates are running for the position of Trustee. Village has one (1) Clerk seat up for election in 2019 and currently appointed clerk is running unopposed.
- Seal coating of roads was not done in 2018 so Public Works will be looking to do street repairs in 2019.

Michael Harmon inquired to Village Board as to what would happen if representative replacing water meters needed more space, and President Troutman and Trustee Ehnle responded, advising, representatives will work with customers but costs would be at property owner's expense. President Troutman noted representatives replacing water meters are having background checks completed and will be wearing a Village identification badge. President Troutman did advise Village had a large customer base with overdue water bills in 2018 but worked with customers and brought overdue water bills down to one percent of overall customers.

Unidentified female inquired to Village Board in regard to patching of sidewalks; specifically, on Main Street, noting many needed repaired. President Troutman responded advising will have Superintendent of Public Works Gardner investigate and if there are any specific sidewalks needing repaired to contact the Village Hall.

Member of Library Board inquired to Village Board in regard to sidewalk issue near Apostolic Church, noting some of the sidewalks are brick, and President Troutman responded, advising on side of Main Street the member is speaking many of the sidewalks are still brick and ultimately upkeep is the property owner's responsibility. President Troutman advised would have Superintendent of Public Works Gardner further investigate and Village will take action in 2019 if property owners are not maintaining respective sidewalks.

President Troutman noted the Village is financially sound at this time and Board consistently reviewing infrastructure and availability of funds in order to make improvements but being mindful not to overspend.

**Princeville Civic Association (PCA)** – Rudy Rogers discuss the following for the PCA:

- New carnival vendor for Princeville Heritage Days noting vendor resides in Edelstein, Illinois, and prior vendor retiring from business. Ticket costs will increase and different ticket requirements depending on ride.
- PCA in discussions with Lions Club in order to address concerns raised by Lions Club. Mr. Rogers noted both are working together toward amicable resolution.
- PCA has two (2) openings on Association; Minutes Taker and Treasurer. Mr. Rogers advised had two (2) high school express interest in positions and Association is reviewing same.

**Princeville Civic Association (PCA)** – Rudy Rogers discuss the following for the PCA (continued):

- School Board Store Project being troubleshooted and discussed concerns. Mr. Rogers advised looking to others on advice; such as, President of the United States and Hy-Vee. Mr. Rogers noted Hy-Vee backed out. Mr. Rogers recommended possibly having local news coverage and polling residents and students about interests in store. Mr. Rogers noted possibly having credit being obtained for students in the entrepreneur field as great teaching field and great opportunity for students. Mr. Rogers noted potential for utilizing large field between school and museum to have food locally grown and sold in the store that student would run. Mr. Rogers noted having retirees provide mentorship to the students. Mr. Rogers noted the PCA continues to research.

Village President Jeff Troutman spoke in regard to the two (2) open spots within the PCA, stating, Ambulance Service currently pays 30 percent of its staff due to lack of volunteers. Village President Jeff Troutman noted as Bradford Ambulance Service now utilizes an outside vendor there are only two (2) independent services remaining in the area. Village President Jeff Troutman noted Fire Department currently has 35 members but with only four (4) of those members having 15 or more years of service and majority of the members having less than five (5). Village President Jeff Troutman noted High School works well with Fire Department and noting one of the volunteer firefighters, Nate Rice, will be a battalion fire chief in the City of Peoria.

**Public Comments** – Bill (last name not provided) wanted to thank the School Board for pursuing the Pathway Program, looking to reopen the store within the Village, and noting many good people within the Village. Bill spoke stating the Village needs a grocery store and believes residents of the Village will support the grocery store.

**Adjournment:** Village President Jeff Troutman spoke reminding members from all Boards and the PCA that the School Board will be hosting the next Joint Board Meeting, which is scheduled for July 18, 2019, at 7 p.m., in the Collaboration Room at the High School. The Library Board closed their portion of the meeting with a motion by Diane Smith, seconded by Teresa Bouton, at 7:59 p.m. all ayes, motion carried. The School Board closed their portion of the meeting with a motion by Michael Harmon, seconded by Darrin Cowser, at 8:00 p.m., all ayes, motion carried. The Village Board closed their portion of the meeting with a motion by Trustee Ehnlé, seconded Trustee Gilroy, at 8:00 p.m.; all ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Spencer Wilson, Village Clerk  
Village of Princeville, Illinois*