

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
November 4, 2019 7:00 p.m.

The Princeville Village Board met on the above date and time at the Village Hall, 206 N. Walnut Street, Princeville, Illinois 61559. President Troutman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following board members were physically present: President Troutman, Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, and Trustee Gilroy. Absent: None. A quorum was present for the meeting. Other Village members present: Clerk Wilson and Treasurer J. Delbridge.

MINUTES

Police report: Peoria County Sheriff's Community Officer Martinez addressed the Board advising there was nothing new to report. Officer Martinez addressed the Board inquiring on the curfew hours in regard to parks owned by Village, and President Troutman and Trustee Delbridge responded advising, 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. (CST), during summer months, and 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. (CST), during winter months.

Trustee Gilroy addressed Officer Martinez advising of two (2) automobiles, a white and black auto, which frequent Cutter's Grove Park, and Trustee Gilroy requested Officer Martinez keep alert to same.

Trustee Delbridge addressed Officer Martinez advising a semi-tractor trailer parked south of Casey's General Store and appeared to be in violation of an established ordinance.

President Troutman addressed Officer Martinez advising two (2) automobiles in violation of established ordinance on Rebecca noting that Municipal Code Officer Sullivan had tagged both but autos have not moved in four (4) months.

Approve minutes as published: Regular Board Meeting Minutes for the Month of October 2019 were distributed to the Board by Clerk Wilson. Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2019 and October 22, 2019, as presented, with a second by Trustee Delbridge.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed.

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Paying of Bills: Billing Sheet of bills to be paid in October 2019 was distributed to the Board by Treasurer J. Delbridge. Billing Sheet s of October 2019 amounted to \$51,431.82. Trustee Haley made a motion to approve paying of the October 2019 bills, in the amount of \$51,431.82, with a second by Trustee Gilroy.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed.

President Troutman addressed the Board advising asphalt was dug up behind business structure, Raylene's, in order to ease access for wheelchairs into business.

Nick Dippel to Address the Board regarding Ambit Energy: President Troutman addressed the Board advising energy consultants for Ambit Energy requested to speak with Board in regard to potential savings to Village. Andy Ames addressed the Board identifying as a Senior Energy Consultant and noting approximately 50 private residences within the Village were already signed up to Ambit Energy and indicated commercial entities were also eligible to sign-up. Mr. Ames addressed the Board advising Ambit Energy purchases electric directly from the energy companies and has assisted residential and commercial customers, in order to provide savings, noting larger savings for commercial. Mr. Ames addressed the Board advising a church was able to save \$300.00 a month by signing up with Ambit Energy. Mr. Ames addressed the Board advising if a customer of Ambit Energy refers 15 persons that Ambit Energy pays supply part of a customer's bill. Mr. Ames addressed the Board advising Ambit Energy been around since 2006 and wanted to present the Board with an additional choice.

Trustee Gilroy addressed representatives for Ambit Energy inquiring how long program last, and Mr. Ames responded advising, in the last 12 years has not seen any down sizing of the program.

Nick Dippel addressed the Board inquiring how many meters were paid by the Village of Princeville, and Treasurer J. Delbridge responded advising, approximately 12 meters. Mr. Dippel addressed the Board advising if 15 referrals were made that would address costs for one (1) of those meters.

President Troutman addressed representatives for Ambit Energy advising would need to review contact Village currently has in place. Mr. Ames addressed the Board advising if in contract that the 4.1 cent cost per kilowatt would decrease to 3.9 cent per kilowatt in January 2020, and President Troutman responded advising, would review current contract and advise. Trustee Gilroy addressed representatives for Ambit Energy inquiring on contract, and Mr. Ames responded advising, to contact current electric supplier on costs for Village to get out of contract in order to see if there are any fees.

Trustee Gilroy addressed representatives for Ambit Energy inquiring if Ambit Energy also worked with natural gas accounts, and Mr. Ames responded advising, not yet but Ambit Energy was looking to get into same.

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Nick Dippel to Address the Board regarding Ambit Energy (continued): Trustee Ehnle addressed representatives for Ambit Energy inquiring on website address for Ambit Energy, and Mr. Ames responded advising, Mr. Dippel would forward website information to Board.

Mr. Ames and Mr. Dippel addressed the Board to thank members for allowing representatives time to present.

Consider and Vote to Change Vendor of Village's Phone and Internet Services to Mid-Century Communications: President Troutman addressed the Board advising Public Works' Employee Russ Hyde would communicate with Superintendent of Public Works Gardner in regard to Lincoln Tower but would appear current vendor, Frontier Communications, does not currently support monitoring at home. President Troutman addressed the Board advising phone and internet services' costs are less expensive than current vendor, Frontier Communications, and attorney for Village, Scott Brunton, indicated did not appear to be any issues with Board taking action. President Troutman addressed the Board advising quote received from Mid-Century Communications without tower looked to provide \$250.00 to \$300.00 a month savings to Village and would provide better quality service.

Treasurer J. Delbridge addressed the Board advising costs difference being between \$250.00 to \$300.00, between Frontier and Mid-Century, and Treasurer J. Delbridge noted distinct difference was customer service wherein current vendor, Frontier Communications, provides a ticket, and, with Mid-Century Communications, customers speak with a live representative. Treasurer J. Delbridge addressed the Board advising services' costs quote with Mid-Century Communications did include Princeville Aquatic Center, would need to further discuss the water tower, and new phones would be compatible with Mid-Century Communications.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve changing vendor of Phone and Internet Services from Frontier Communications to Mid-Century Communications of those properties owned by Village of Princeville and currently serviced by Frontier Communications. Motion seconded by Trustee Peterson.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed.

Approval of 2018-2019 Annual Financial Report for the Village of Princeville: President Troutman addressed the Board advising timecards are not getting approved and President Troutman will discuss with Superintendent of Public Works Gardner about approval of timecards. Treasurer J. Delbridge addressed the Board advising Superintendent of Public Works Gardner was under the impression Treasurer could approve timecards per prior discussions by the Board.

Trustee Gilroy addressed Treasurer J. Delbridge requesting the Board receive a copy of the timecards to be sure all timecards are properly signed off, and Treasurer J. Delbridge responded, would do same.

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Approval of 2018-2019 Annual Financial Report for the Village of Princeville (continued): Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Annual Financial Report for the Village of Princeville, as presented, with a second by Trustee Gilroy.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed.

Approval of Annual Audit Report: Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the Annual Audit Report, as presented, with a second by Trustee Gilroy.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed.

Committee reports: Property Committee: Trustee Haley addressed the Board advising, Property Committee met at 6 p.m. on November 4, 2019, with Frank McCloud of Adam Merrick Real Estate in order to discuss the marketing of lots in the Aten Acres Subdivision. Trustee Haley addressed the Board advising recommendation of Property Committee was to reduce price of lots through May 31, 2020, at Aten Acres, Phase 6, to \$10,000.00, with promissory note forgiving \$10,000.00, if substantially built in 12 months and, if not, the lot would be deeded back to the Village.

President Troutman addressed the Board advising the Tri County Planning Committee for the Village of Princeville met to review comments received from the Public Open House and School District Meeting, and it was decided to meet again at 5:30 p.m., November 12, 2019, at the Village Hall. President Troutman addressed the Board advising Public Works' Employees Russ Hyde and Joey Sarnes are actively working on the Land Use Plan and set to complete, by end of January 2020, with planning budget expected to come in under budget. President Troutman addressed the Board advising anyone could attend the meeting scheduled on November 12, 2019, and it (meeting) would run approximately 45 minutes to an hour.

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Any Action Regarding Committee Reports: Trustee Haley made a motion to modify sale contract with Adam Merrick Real Estate, in regard to Aten Acres, Phase 6 as follows: Reduce price of lots through May 31, 2020, at Aten Acres, Phase 6, to \$10,000.00, with promissory note forgiving \$10,000.00, if substantially built in 12 months and, if not, the lot would be deeded back to the Village. Trustee Hughes seconded the motion.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed.

President Troutman addressed the Board advising Pat Powers may want to meet with the Property Committee. President Troutman addressed the Board advising Kim Ely had question satisfied with two (2) lots at Aten Acres, Phase 6, by Pat Powers: If purchased by someone and whether \$180,000.00 assessed property value or 1,200 square foot minimum, in accordance with Covenant, and wherein property owner aware have until December 17, 2019 and \$180,000.00 assessed property value applies. President Troutman addressed the Board advising property owner aware once recouped than would go back to 1,200 square foot except on Village-owned lots.

Past Due Water Bill Review: Past Due Water Bill Sheet distributed to the Board by Treasurer J. Delbridge.

President Troutman addressed the Board advising Trustee Gilroy had researched Accounts 1879, 1880, 1881, 1903, and 1904 and learned account owner had moved to Iowa. President Troutman addressed the Board advising had discussion with Scott Brunton, attorney for Village of Princeville, and Attorney Brunton advised Board had passed ordinance making property owner responsible for any unpaid water bill accounts for rental properties after majority of debt was incurred by Accounts 1879, 1880, 1881, 1903, and 1904, and Board could attempt to place lien on property but would likely not be successful and would incur extra expenses also likely not recoverable. President Troutman addressed the Board advising \$1,100.00 was paid as of July 26, 2019 on Accounts 1879, 1889, 1881, 1903, and 1904, and Balance Sheet, as presented, showed balance of \$5,196.61. Trustee Delbridge addressed the Board recommending Board write off Accounts 1879, 1880, 1881, 1903, and 1904, and close aforementioned accounts. President Troutman addressed the Board recommending Board retain owner's name of Accounts 1879, 1880, 1881, 1903, and 1904, Accounts be kept on file, and Village not issue new services to account owner till past due accounts paid off.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to Write Off Water/Sewer/Recycle Service Accounts 1879, 1880, 1881, 1903, and 1904 with Village retaining Account Owner's name on file and Village not issuing any new services to Account Owner until past due account brought current. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed.

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Past Due Water Bill Review (continued): Trustee Delbridge addressed Treasurer J. Delbridge with regard to Account 42, and Treasurer J. Delbridge responded advising, occupants at Account 42 location forwarded invoice to their main office and late fee was assessed on Account. President Troutman addressed Treasurer J. Delbridge requesting to figure in what billing and what depositing, and Treasurer J. Delbridge will do same and report.

Treasurer J. Delbridge addressed the Board advising prior to new water meters being installed there were 658 active meters and, post-new meter installation, there are 750 water meters. Treasurer J. Delbridge addressed the Board advising there were still approximately 20 water meters needing to be installed and a letter will be sent to owners of those Accounts. Treasurer J. Delbridge addressed the Board advising two (2) Accounts waiting on new meters, wherein letter going out, did not receive water/sewer/recycling billing invoice in the past. Treasurer J. Delbridge addressed the Board advising letter to be mailed November 11, 2019, when past due notice goes out, giving Account holders till November 21, 2019 to bring Accounts current or face shut off of water service.

Building Permits: 403 N. Walnut Street, construct wood privacy fence to side yard.

Report from Superintendent of Public Works (SPW): President Troutman addressed the Board advising Superintendent of Public Works Gardner out on vacation and would return on Thursday, November 7, 2019.

Consider and Vote on Raising Stipend of Elected Village Officials: President Troutman addressed the Board advising current stipends of Elected Village Officials was as follows:

President	\$5,000.00, per year, or \$2,500.00 per every six (6) months,
Trustee	\$1,920.00, per year, or \$960.00 per every six (6) months or \$80.00 per meeting*
Clerk	\$1,500.00, per year, or \$750.00 per every six (6) months or \$64.00 per meeting*

*24 Regular Board Meetings per calendar year (not inclusive of Committee, Joint Board Meetings, and/or other administrative duties)

Trustee Hughes addressed the Board inquiring why Board members did not receive compensation for attending committee meetings, and President Troutman responded, uncertain. Trustee Haley addressed the Board advising \$80.00 per meeting was acceptable compensation for Trustees for committee and regular board meetings. Trustee Delbridge addressed the Board recommending \$30.00, per committee meeting, for Trustees. Trustee Peterson addressed the Board recommending between \$15.00 to \$30.00, per committee meeting, for Trustees. Trustee Gilroy addressed the Board recommending the Board set stipend for dollar amount for whole year, and Trustee Gilroy recommended the Board consider: President at \$7,500.00, per year; Trustee at \$3,000.00, per year; and Clerk at \$3,300.00, per year. President Troutman addressed the Board advising did not see raising the stipend for President above the current stipend of \$5,000.00, and Trustee Gilroy addressed the Board advising President attends many other functions on behalf of the Village.

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Consider and Vote on Raising Stipend of Elected Village Officials (continued): Trustee Delbridge made a motion to Table Voting on Raising Stipend of Elected Village Officials in order to allow Personnel Committee to review and make a recommendation to the Board by first meeting in January 2020. Motion seconded by Trustee Hughes.

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion Tabled until first Regular Board Meeting in January 2020.

Any other business to be brought before the Board: President Troutman addressed the Board requesting Village Employees and Board members respond to Treasurer J. Delbridge as to whether attending the Village Holiday Party and noting the location would be at Cerno's with a limited member.

Trustee Peterson addressed the Board advising would no longer be deploying in January 2020 and would be working from military installation in Bartonville starting in January 2020.

Trustee Ehnle addressed the Board inquiring on the property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hohenbery, and President Troutman responded advising, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Hohenbery presented offer to the Village and Municipal Code Officer Sullivan would be obtaining formal document for the next meeting but noted \$3,800.00 in attorney fees incurred by Village was part of the agreement. President Troutman addressed the Board advising Municipal Code Officer Sullivan indicated furnace at property would be installed by November 30, 2019 and timeline would be drafted by attorney in order to present to Board, noting if Mr. and Mrs. Hohenbery default on agreement that the issue would go back to court.

Adjournment: Trustee Haley made a motion to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion seconded by Trustee Gilroy

Approved by roll call vote.

Yeas: Trustee Haley, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy;

Nays: None;

Absent: None.

President Troutman declared the motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Spencer A. Wilson
Clerk, Village of Princeville
Princeville, Illinois