

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
October 5, 2020 7:00 PM

Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meetings Act requirements, this meeting was held at the Princeville Village Hall and included a Zoom meeting option. The public was invited to attend in person, as the number of individuals in the board room allowed, or attend via Zoom.

Download zoom.us/join, when prompted to enter the Meeting ID 232 156 7958, Passcode bu3YrS, then click ask to join. Prior to the meeting, you could also submit a public comment by email to the Village Hall at villagehall@princeville.org and insert in the subject line of the email, "Public Comment for Meeting October 5, 2020".

Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following board members were physically present: President Troutman, Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Wilson

Trustees through Zoom: None.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Other Village members physically present: Superintendent of Public Works C. Gardner and Julie Delbridge

Others present through Zoom: Andrew Hendon, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and Dan Sullivan

Others present: Deputy Gabriel Martinez, Michael Bruner, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Stephen and Kathy Hohenberry

Police Report

It was mentioned that some street signs were moved off of Cottage Grove and Douglas St. Deputy Martinez will watch that area.

Approve Minutes as Published

The September 8th and September 22nd minutes were approved as published.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Trustee Delbridge seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, and Trustee Wilson

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed

Update from Village Treasurer

The Village is waiting for the final audit from Gorenz and Associates. It should be back before the finance committee meeting, scheduled for October 15th. Julie is in need of that information prior to entering numbers into the budget. The handout from tonight is updated. She does want to break out TIF and taxes, so they are not in one category. With the new software, she is learning how to post and pay bills.

The layout of the new budget program is easier to read and the categories make sense.

Trustee Gilroy made motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Trustee Delbridge seconded the motion.

All in Favor, Aye.

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Paying of Bills

Julie Delbridge presented the bills.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$25,390.45.

Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, and Trustee Wilson

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to Address the Board

Michael Bruner gave an update on the Tri-County Regional planning commission work. He stated that the Commission has gone through the public process/open house and met with the seniors/students at the high school prior to COVID. They are currently working on gathering and putting all of that information into a cohesive document. Once that work is completed, there will need to be a thirty (30) day public viewing process.

The maps are the future land use maps. They include corporate limits with jurisdictions.

The plan is to have everything finalized by the end of October.

Trustee Wilson asked what the plan would be for a public review/viewing process would be in light of COVID. Michael stated they can put the report on the Tri-County Regional Commission website, share the link with the public, and have a form for sharing comments.

President Troutman stated that the sooner this can happen, the better. He will follow up with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission in a few weeks.

Report from Municipal Code Officer

None.

Stephen Hohenberry to Address the Board

President Troutman gave a re-cap to the Village Trustees regarding the Hohenberry property, at 409 W. South Street, Princeville, IL. There was a court hearing to seek demolition on the South St property. The Village followed the court order, waiting twenty-one (21) days to complete the demolition. (Electric and gas are currently turned off at the property.) Demolition was slated for Tuesday, October 6th.

Two weeks ago, President Troutman and Dan Sullivan met with the Hohenberrys, when the Hohenberrys asked The Village to reconsider the demolition. President Troutman indicated that that was a board decision.

President Troutman stated that the legal work has been ongoing for 2-3 years, when repairs could have been done during that time. Rather, the court orders had not been followed. Communication between The Village of Princeville and the Hohenberrys, has been the issue this entire time.

President Troutman read a letter/notes written by Dan Sullivan.

The Hohenberrys have had a series of unfortunate events - a fire at their main residence, which led them to live with a relative, and resulted in a drawn-out insurance process. Stephen and Kathy have both had recent surgeries/health issues/contract issues. President Troutman asked about having a contractor doing the work while there were medical issues. Stephen Hohenberry said they did not have additional funds to pay a contractor.

Stephen Hohenberry stated that he has done some repairs to the home - put a new roof on, new siding, etc. However, he is retired now, and he can work on the house.

President Troutman stated that this goes a lot further than just a lack of paint. This has been years of notifications and the lack of completed work and the agreements that not have been followed. (The issue the board has is that the itemized list was supposed to be done by certain timeframes, and that has not happened.) Troutman told the Hohenberrys that The Village would have assisted, had it known about some of their personal issues, but having no communication with the Village was a disregard of the Village.

Trustee Delbridge stated that residents did not complain about the house. Dan Sullivan found these violations on his own. He was doing his job.

Trustee Wilson stated that he was looking at documentation that was almost three (3) years old. In March of 2019, the Hohenberrys addressed the Village about a demolition that was scheduled a few days prior at that point. This is the same situation as now. Trustee Wilson stated he would like to see the Hohenberrys' contractor timelines, materials purchased, and what the future holds. There were specific dates in the court orders, but the court orders were not followed, so how can he trust that the Hohenberrys plan to move forward with renovations. Trustee Wilson has looked at all of the board agendas/minutes and done his homework prior to tonight's meeting. The Hohenberrys have not followed through on what the Village or what the court has indicated. (2018, 2019 and 2020 – what's to say in doesn't happen again 2021.)

Dan Sullivan feels it has been a rough year, and he was all for giving the Hohenberrys another chance. However, if another chance was granted there would be very strict guidelines. All work would need to be completed on a timeline. Trustee Delbridge commented that nothing is more strict than a court order, with completion dates notated.

Superintendent Gardner stated that the estimated cost of demolition would be \$6,000.00.

The demolition was scheduled for October 8th or 9th. The Village will work with the Hohenberrys so they can get their stuff out of the house. The Village needs to know when their items will be out so that demolition can be scheduled.

The Village Board did not change its stance and will move forward with the demolition at 409 W. South Street.

Any other discussion.

Committee Reports

None.

The Finance Committee will meet October 15th at 6:00 PM.

There were questions about the Village's health insurance renewal. Julie will arrange for a presentation to be made at the October 22nd meeting.

Any Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Past Due Water Bill Review

The past due water bill list was reviewed. The number of residents with 60 or 90 days overdue is low. Anyone who is past-due, even if it is a penny over, can have their water shut-off.

Building Permits

- 333 Woertz Rd – Install a chainlink fence panel in the backyard (Temporary)
- 530 South Santa Fe Ave. – 6ft rear privacy fence in rear yard

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works

Superintendent Gardner gave his report:

- Kennedy Ave. – driveways have been poured on the West side and they are starting asphalt.
- Steve and Brian – tomorrow they take their test for the lagoon testing.
- Ameren – Replacing a street light by D & L.
- Leaf pick-up will start the 3rd or 4th week of October.
- Pool is winterized.
- A gentleman this evening did look at the 217 W. Evans. St. property. (Waiting on home inspector to get in there.)
- Updates:
 - Sewer plant – half of the lights do not work. That is where the generator is. Did buy lights for out there.
 - In the process of painting the inside of the maintenance shed.

Trustee Delbridge stated that the light at the 'Y' at the gas station is flickering. May want to ask Ameren to replace that light.

Any Other Business to Be Brought Before the Board

Halloween hours will be 4:30 – 7:00 PM.

Adjourn

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 PM. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Ehnle, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, and Trustee Wilson

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk