

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
March 21, 2023 7:00 PM

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Roll Call

Roll call showed the following board members were physically present: President Troutman, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck

Trustees Absent: Trustee Wineinger* (See note below regarding resignation)

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Other Village members physically present: Superintendent of Public Works, Chad Gardner; Treasurer, Julie Delbridge; and Clerk, Sarah Cordis

Others present: The Weekly Post, Nick Vlahos; Deputy Cogdal, Dan Cordis, Community Health Partnership of Illinois – Princeville, Yolanda Rodriguez and Yeni Rodriguez; Spencer Wilson; and Richard Knapp

President Troutman read a resignation letter from Trustee Wineinger. He moved out of the Village limits. He thanked the Village for his time on the Board.

Public Comment Period

Yolanda Rodriguez asked the Village board about parking for the mobile dental unit, which will be in Princeville the first Friday of every month. President Troutman asked Superintendent Gardner where he suggested the unit go. Superintendent Gardner said he is fine blocking the street off as long as he knows the mobile unit will be in town. Superintendent Gardner asked if a Monday might work instead, given Raylene's is closed on Mondays. Superintendent Gardner asked Yolanda and Yeni to let him know what the schedule may be before the next meeting, and he will do his best to put cones in parking spots.

Dan Cordis made comments in favor of keeping the Princeville Aquatic Center open. He stated that he understood the financial shortfall, which is significant. However, Cordis commented that the Princeville Aquatic Center is a quality of life component for the Village. Yes, the Village offers the Rock Island Trail, playgrounds, parks, library, school system, and the museum, but this is a fairly short list. Removing something from that list – the pool – would be a big deal. The pool is one of the things that differentiates Princeville from other similar communities. He urged the Village not to look at the pool as a cost, but rather as an investment within the community.

Troutman read a letter from Dan and Kathy Sullivan re: Please Keep the Princeville Pool Open.

Police Report

Deputy Cogdal reported there were no issues on St. Patrick's Day. The biggest complaint he has heard was speeding. Since January, he has done forty-three (43) traffics stops.

Paying Additional Bills

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$62,751.28. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck
Nays: None
President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Consider and Vote to Open Princeville Aquatic Center for 2023 Season.

President Troutman said the Village received around two hundred (200) responses from the survey. Trustee Gilroy reviewed some survey results, with the majority being in favor of keeping the Aquatic Center open.

President Troutman said the pool does add benefit to our town. He said it is a benefit for home sales, brings outside people to Princeville, and generates revenue for the community. The Village has a lot of other expenses, sewer system infrastructure, etc.

Trustee Peterson says we have ourselves in a tough situation, and the pool would need big ideas to support the financial upkeep, insurance, wages, etc.

President Troutman said there is no way to monitor concessions. Attendance at the pool averaged sixty (60) people daily. Public safety is important to President Troutman. It is an expensive endeavor for something that is open two (2) months out of the year, weather permitting. President Troutman does not feel the Village has mismanaged pool funds, as the pool has always been a financial drain, and the pool revenue just never increased after COVID.

Superintendent Gardner said it is a struggle to keep up every year. Everybody wants everything. The last few years, money for the pool has come out of other budget lines, rather than being self-sufficient. He feels the pool should not take funds from other budget lines/projects. He did comment that the Village board should be conscious about not raising taxes for the community.

Trustee Delbridge said the Village has residents who cannot pay their water bills and does not want to put extra expenses on the community, which would what would happen if taxes increased.

Richard Knapp commented that he was the chair of the Pool Committee for many years. When the Village raised prices, residents started installing their own pools, which did not help the pool.

Trustee Pope made a motion to close the Princeville Aquatic Center permanently. Trustee Schoenbeck seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck
Nays: None
President Troutman declared the motion as carried.

Spencer Wilson commented that that was not an easy decision, especially Trustee Gilroy, the chair of the Pool Committee.

Richard Knapp commented that the pool was constantly \$25,000 in the red every year when he was on the committee. He stated that closing the pool is for the better, and suggested looking to find something better in its place.

Trustee Delbridge asked Superintendent Gardner to get bids for demolition, and think about selling some of the equipment.

Consider and Vote to Approve a Lease Agreement with Mediacom, Tabled from 03/06/23.

Treasurer Delbridge said there was an issue with an address change on the contract. (An incorrect address was listed, from thirty (30) years ago.) There should be a contract to vote on at the next meeting.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to table a lease agreement with MediaCom from March 6, 2023. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

All in Favor: Yea

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as tabled.

Committee Reports

The Property Committee met to discuss Lots 8 and 9 at Aten Acres. The current owner of Lot 8 would like to purchase Lot 9. The covenants and restrictions said the owner has to start building within a year once he/she purchases the lot. They would like to combine the lots, and use the same parcel number. President Troutman is going to speak with the Village attorney prior to the April 3rd meeting. More to come at the April 3rd meeting.

Trustee Delridge commented that it will not look aesthetically the same as other properties, where homes sit in the middle of the lot(s). President Troutman is fine with that, at least it would be a manicured yard. Trustee Delridge said that letters should be sent to the homeowners within the subdivision. President Troutman agreed and would like the letters sent by the attorney. Superintendent Gardner said the Village cannot currently provide sewer to Lot 9.

President Troutman met with Erika Shangraw from GFL Environmental. They discussed a one (1)-year contract. Going to a one (1)-year contract would be a subscription fee rather than a municipal fee. Princeville rates have been low for a very long time. There are not as many garbage services. It is more of a corporate world now. There are some items President Troutman would like to see some changes to the contract – take out fall leaf clean-up, leave in heavy pick-ups, and add a spring clean-up/maintenance day. President Troutman hopes to have more information in the coming weeks. Trustee Delbridge said the fee structure, including oversized item charges, needs to be included in the contract.

Any Further Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Past Due Water Bill Review

The past due list was reviewed.

Building Permits.

- 1475 North Town Ave – Single Family Home - Dan Heinz builders

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works.

- Bleachers for Cutter's Grove came in and are installed.
- Security camera – has one quote, getting another one or two quotes.
 - Troutman suggested having one at Stevens Square but needs internet
- Has his part of the budget ready and will send it out soon
- Railroad is putting a new crossing in by Seneca.
- Well #2 (spare well) will be pulled out this spring. It has been twelve (12) years since maintenance. Once complete, the well will go back into rotation with other wells.
- MCO Sullivan and Chad have been working on a federal grant application, which was submitted to Representative LaHood, for rural water and sewer facilities. The grant would include connecting Edelstein to Princeville water. \$4 million dollar grant.
 - Trustee Gilroy asked what the cost was to get water to Edelstein. A few years ago, the cost was going to be around \$3.8 million.

- Representative Spain's office would like the Village to let their office know when the downtown sidewalk opens.

Any Other Business to be Brought Before the Board.

Trustee Peterson said the flag at Stevens Square is looking worn and tattered.

President Troutman said the Village would put an ad in the paper for the vacant Trustee seat.

Trustee Gilroy asked about renewing the emergency manual.

Adjourn

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

All in Favor: Yea

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

*Next Village Board Meeting, Monday, April 3, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk