

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
April 3, 2023 7:00 PM

This meeting will be held at Princeville Village Hall and will also include a Zoom Meeting option. The public is invited to attend in person or attend via Zoom. To join in the meeting, log into Zoom, when prompted enter Meeting ID: 867 3420 5109, Passcode: 1bAWuU OR use the call-in number: 1-312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 867 3420 5109, Passcode: 981004. Prior to the meeting, you can also submit a public comment by email to villagehall@princeville.org and insert in the subject line of the email, "Public Comment for Meeting April 3, 2023"

Roll Call

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

Absent: Trustee Delbridge

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Other Village members physically present: Treasurer, Julie Delbridge; Superintendent, Chad Gardner; MCO Dan Sullivan; and Clerk, Sarah Cordis

Others Present: Deputy Vincent Cogdal, The Weekly Post – Nick Vlahos; Rylee Sullivan; Janine Dearing; and Randy Haley

Others Present Via Zoom: None

Public Comment Period

None.

Police Report

Deputy Cogdal has been here for three (3) months, and as compared to last year the reports are pretty much identical. A total of five (5) arrests thus far. Traffic seems to be the biggest issue. Superintendent Gardner asked Deputy Cogdal to keep an eye on the Cutter's Grove restrooms as they are now open twenty-four (24) hours.

Approve Minutes as Published

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 6th and 21st. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Delbridge

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Paying of Bills

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$24,668.05. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Delbridge

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Presentation on Community Banking

MCO Sullivan introduced his daughter, Rylee Sullivan. She is a semi-finalist for a statewide scholarship, and the next step was to present her essay to a group of five (5) or more, a Village Board being an eligible party.

Municipal Code Officer's Report

MCO Sullivan gave his report.

He contacted the attorney to ask about a nuisance ordinance. The attorney can create a nuisance ordinance, but it would only be enforced if an incident occurred at their residence. It would not apply to other locations such as gas stations, bars, etc. He is going to get a copy of Bellevue's ordinance, have the attorney review it, and will bring any information back to the May meetings.

MCO Sullivan thanked Superintendent Gardner for his help with compiling information for the Edelstein/Princeville Water Project. Congress is moving forward with our application and now it is wait and see.

MCO Sullivan will create a draft of potential new liquor code revision.

Deputy Cogdal asked the hours of operation on a liquor license. President Troutman said the bar can not sell liquor after 2:00 AM and patrons have to be out by 2:30 PM.

Any Action Regarding M.C.O. Report

None

Consider and Vote to Approve a Donation to Princeville High School After-Prom

Janine Dearing asked for a donation for the Princeville High School After-Prom.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve a donation to Princeville High School After-Prom in the amount of \$750. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Delbridge

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Consider and Vote to Approve Proposed Sale of Lot 9 in Aten Acres.

President Troutman said he had yet to hear from the attorney about the Aten Acres covenant of restrictions. He should have something at the next meeting.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the approval the sale of Lot 9 in Aten Acres until the April 18th meeting. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

All in favor: Aye

Opposed: Nay

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Consider and Vote to Approve a Lease Agreement with Mediacom, Tabled from 03/21/23, if Available

President Troutman said Mediacom accepted the Village's increase in fees. They will be sending a check for the remaining balance of the payment (fee was raised from \$120 to \$1,200 annually, the first increase in about forty (40) years) after the agreement is approved.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Mediacom with an annual fee of \$1,200.00. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck

Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Delbridge
President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Consider and Vote to Approve a Five (5)-Year Municipal Solid Waste Proposal from GFL Environmental.

President Troutman said the Village received a new contract from GFL Environmental for the Municipal Solid Waste Proposal. He said Trustee Delbridge had talked to Kewanee, but they are not ready this year, and they don't provide containers to residents. President Troutman said the Village had been able to keep fees low the last couple of years.

Monthly residential fee for weekly pick-up will be \$16.07, effective July 1, 2023. The monthly rate is to be \$16.87 in 2024, \$17.72 in 2025, \$18.60 in 2026 and \$19.53 in 2027.

Trustee Gilroy asked if GFL would empty residents' personal cans, if set on the curb. GFL is making some exceptions to it, and will empty them.

President Troutman said the contract says a bulky item will cost \$30.00.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve a five (5)-year Municipal Solid Waste Proposal from GFL Environmental, effective July 1, 2023. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

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

Consider and Vote to Approve TIF 1 Residential Redevelopment Program Application for 216 East North Street.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve TIF 1 Residential Redevelopment Program Application for 216 East North Street in the amount of \$2,500.00. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Schoenbeck, and President Troutman
Abstain: Trustee Peterson (Lives in TIF district.)
Absent: Trustee Delbridge
Nays: None
President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Consider and Vote to Approve Pay Increase for Employee, Brian Holt, for Obtaining Class A Public Water Supply Operator Certificate

Superintendent Gardner reported that Brian Holt obtained two (2) public water supply operator certificates, and with that typically comes a \$1.00 per certificate increase. In this case it would be a \$2.00 per hourly rate increase.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve a \$2.00 per hour raise for Brian Holt, effective May 1, 2023, with the start of the new fiscal year budget. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Committee Reports

The Finance committee meeting tonight.

President Troutman said wages are not set yet, and a personnel committee meeting needs to be scheduled. (April 10th at 5:00 PM)

President Troutman said everyone is staying on track with the budget and should be commended for sticking to the budget.

President Troutman said the Princeville school district has received a grant to pave the parking lot by unit office. That property is Village property, and they are requesting it be school district property.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to sell the 150 ft x 60 ft gravel lot adjacent to the District's main unit office at 909 North Town Avenue for a proposed fee of \$1.00, plus attorney fees. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, and Trustee Schoenbeck

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Delbridge

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Any Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Past Due Water Bill Review

The past due water bill list was reviewed. Superintendent Gardner will reach out to the attorney to draft a letter to one of the accounts that has been on the list for quite some time.

Building Permit

None.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works

- Mulch is coming for Cutter's Grove in the next month or so. He will also get mulch for Troutman Park.
- Trees (flowering lilacs) have been planted by the stop-signs uptown.
- Bleachers are all installed at Cutter's Grove.
- He swapped out the Kubota tractor, at German-Bliss, for the new. (Someone wanted to purchase the Village's Kubota.) The Village will get billed after May 1.
- Pool – started taking things out.
 - Disconnecting and storing items, to think about selling at a later date.
 - Power has been dropped
 - Will have the gas line disconnected
 - Internet and phone are cancelled.
 - Partitions are out of the restrooms
- Ordered garbage cans for sidewalk. They should be here late Spring.

Superintendent Gardner received a letter from the EPA that the environmental study was done. He will call Kevin Cooper for next steps on the project. They are working on marking some easements.

Trustee Pope asked about the handrails for the northern sidewalk on Main Street. Superintendent Gardner said he hopes to have them early Summer.

Trustee Peterson asked about lawn waste pickup with the proposed GFL contract. Superintendent Gardner said the Village will still do leaving vacuuming, etc.

Any Other Business to Be Brought Before the Board

President Troutman was approached by a Village resident about the possibility of looking into the Village forming a park district, which could assist with parks and aquatic center operation. He thought it was as

good a time as ever to look into the cost and time it might take to create a park district. A park district could operate the pool, cover the cost of employees, benefits, etc.

The addition of a park district would be a line on tax bills and would have to be a referendum on the ballot. The pool will definitely be shut down for 2023, but if a park district were created, there could be a pool opening in 2024 or after.

Trustee Peterson believes it is important to provide amenities for the community and stated that everyone needed to be on board if this was an option.

Trustee Pope is not sure the community would support a tax increase.

Superintendent Gardner said that a park district would have their own separate board. Park district and Village would be two separate entities, each with their own supplies.

President Troutman will look into and bring numbers back to April 18th meeting.

Treasurer Delbridge asked the Board about unused multi-visit passes from previous Aquatic Center seasons. It was discussed that, if customers have punches that have not been used/punched from the 2021 or 2022 season, they can receive refunds from the Village. It would be a two (2)-week waiting period as the Village would include the expenses in the approval of the bills.

President Troutman reviewed the 1st Quarter PCAPS report.

Adjourn

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 PM. Trustee Pope seconded the motion

All in favor: Aye

Opposed: Nay

President Troutman declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 18th @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk