

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
September 19, 2023 7:00 PM

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Roll Call

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

Trustees present via Zoom: President Troutman

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: Deputy Cogdal, Bob Grimson, The Weekly Post; Steve Klein and Michael Harmon

Public Comment Period

Mike Harmon read a letter to the Trustees. He appreciates why the Village did not want to be in the pool business. Through his FOIA requests he did not feel like the documentation did not support reasons for a closure. He understands the pool did not make money but what is the ultimate plan for the pool? Long-term plan does mention new sewer because there have been issues that the EPA was called about. Mr. Harmon said the Village should get out of the pool business as there are other basic services (water, sewer, streets, etc.) they owe to the citizens/businesses. He commented that the Village should not demolish the pool, rather allow the taxpayers to make that decision. Something might be able to be done with it. The pool is an asset to the Village. Park District is something the community should support.

Krystal DeBord wrote a letter to the Trustees, asking to have the speed bumps installed on South Santa Fe.

Mary Ann Mercer submitted a letter to the Trustees. In her opinion, the pool should be closed permanently. She stated the pool needs adult managers and adult lifeguards, otherwise it is just a babysitting service within the Village.

President Troutman said he believed there is a group looking to create a group/pursuing a park district. This group would need to present their concept to the Village in order to move forward. The vote tonight is to close the pool. A vote to demolish the pool would be later in October.

Police Report

Nothing to report.

Paying Additional Bills

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$111,287.39. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as carried.

Consider and Vote to Approve an Ordinance to Establish a Date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed Princeville Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District IV.

Steve Klein passed out packets to the Board:

Sixth Amendment to tax increment financing (TIF) District 1 redevelopment project plan, area and projects.

TIF District IV Redevelopment Project Plan, area and projects.

He commented that some properties that are currently in TIF 1 will need to be moved to TIF IV. TIF IV would be a 24-year TIF district.

He said some parcels in TIF III, between Craig and Woertz, will be moved into TIF I.

TIF III will shrink just a little bit but does not affect the subdivision.

TIF I changes and TIF IV changes will take place on the same timeline.

This is the timeline:

1. In 2022 the Village approved an agreement for German Bliss to expand on Spring Street. The Village would make an effort to include that new expansion in TIF IV. It is currently in TIF 1.
2. In the Spring there was a taxing district meeting to make sure everyone was on the same page. In May or June 2023, another piece of property (acreage north of Dollar General) was interested in annexing in. The purchase and closing of that property had to take place, and the owner had to volunteer to annex in.
3. For the TIF project, the Village has to ask for permission for public hearings. This cannot happen earlier than forty-five (45) days after notice is given.
 - TIF IV will have 206 parcels in it. Over 90% qualified.
 - TIF I amendment – 83% will qualify with the changes to TIF I.
 - Consequence of removing 130 properties from TIF I. 129 properties will be added to TIF IV. Resets the TIF base. All the TIF EAV starts over.
 - Not proposing to make any changes to TIF II. Only a few years left. Anticipate those funds will be needed for a number of public improvement projects in Brockway.
 - TIF II, contiguous to TIF III, funds might be available for transfer to finish out subdivision in TIF III.
 - TIF IV – will primarily consist of commercial and industrial
 - TIF III – will primarily be heavy on residential
 - TIF IV – will primarily be established homes

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve an Ordinance to Establish a Date for a Public Hearing November 7th, 5:30 PM, for a Proposed Princeville Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District IV. Trustee Schoenbeck seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as carried.

Consider and Vote to Approve an Ordinance to Establish a Date for a Public Hearing for the Proposed Princeville Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District I Sixth Amendment.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve an Ordinance to Establish a Date for a Public Hearing for,

November 7th, 5:45 PM, for a Proposed Princeville Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District I Sixth Amendment. Trustee Schoenbeck seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Gilroy stated that she did not see her two properties highlighted on the map. Steve Klein asked her to make sure he had her PIN Numbers from her property tax bill and he would work on that.

Consider and Vote to Permanently Close the Princeville Aquatic Center.

President Troutman reiterated that this vote was to permanently close the pool and not demolish it.

Trustee Gilroy asked President Troutman what his definition of ‘permanently’ was. He commented that the Village will no longer have dealings with opening it again.

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

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

Committee Reports

None.

Any Further Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Past Due Water Bill Review

The past due list was reviewed.

Building Permits

None.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works

- Railings are 97% complete on far west corner. Working on redoing the curb/angled piping.
 - They are considered a handrail and not a guardrail.
- Water plant going strong. It is twenty-five (25) years old. This year has been a challenge.
- Well #2 – back-up well – just rebuilt it. It has been run a couple of times.
 - Ordered a new check valve, pulled it out because stopped working after a few days. In January, EPA said have to do a new process.
 - The company we used will get the Village a new pipe and reinstall at no cost to the Village. The wrong sealant was used initially.
- Running another FiberOptic. Metro Communications is installing it. This has been a time-consuming process for the Village.
- Willy Baughman and Mary Stahl have contacted him about the foxes and claim they are becoming a nuisance.
 - He gave Mary a trap, but it was not long enough. Willy wants to relocate the fox.

Michael Harmon said he has heard a lot of complaints of coyotes. If you start with one animal it opens a can of worms with other animals.

- The invoice has been paid for the property the Village cleaned up on East Evans St.

Trustee Delbridge said he has two cats at his house. Cats are no longer part of the PCAPS agreement. Wild animals have to be rabid animals in order for PCAPS to respond. He suggested that Willy call the company/name she had, get pricing, and see if they will take care of it.

Any Other Business to be Brought Before the Board

Superintendent Gardner said that the Village applied back in February or March for a water grant that would extend water to Edelstein. The grant was actually never submitted. Only 15 out of 200 were submitted from Darin LaHood's office. The email address the grant was submitted to was one letter off, and that is why it was not submitted. Staff is currently reviewing the Village application to help provide input. This grant is currently on-hold for another eight (8) months to a year. LaHood's office just supplied a standard response. There was no notification that it was not submitted.

Adjourn

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

All in Favor: President Troutman, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Schoenbeck, and Trustee Potter

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Village Board Meeting, Monday, October 2, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk