

**Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
February 5, 2024 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: 870 3605 7205, Passcode: 8YJn7g OR use the call-in number: 1-312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 870 3605 7205, Passcode: 810410. 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 February 5, 2024".

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.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Trustees Present via Zoom: President Troutman.

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

Others Present: Joe Messmore; The Weekly Post, Bob Grimson; Deputy Bickett and Sheriff Watkins.

Others Present Via Zoom: Michael Harmon.

Public Comment

None.

Peoria County Sheriff Chris Watkins to Introduce New Community Policing Officer, Deputy Adam Bickett

Sheriff Watkins introduced Deputy Adam Bickett. Deputy Bickett has previously worked in Peoria Heights, Sheffield, Wyanet and Bradford. Sheriff Watkins said Deputy Bickett is a very proactive officer. He knows that is important to a small town, and you will see him around.

Sheriff Watkins reported the following 2023 statistics for Princeville: 18 arrests, 200 total reports and 531 contacts (includes anything and everything – business/house checks, etc.). He reported December was a quiet month, mostly medical calls. Deputy Crystal is doing well within the School District.

Sheriff Watkins commented on how he appreciated the Village's patience and cooperation with the transition to a new community officer. The Sheriff's office covered four (4) hours on New Years Eve, and will continue to do so at no charge each year.

Deputy Bickett will be sure the Village Trustees have his business card. He stated that he cares about the community and wants to be sure citizens are following the rules and laws. He plans to be present at events, parks, etc. Deputy Bickett will let President Troutman know of his whereabouts, including if he is going to be off, out of district, in town on a different day/time, at a certain event or if another deputy will be in Princeville.

Deputy Bickett wants to build relationships in town and with the community. Feel free to reach out to him.

Superintendent Gardner said that if Deputy Bickett sees any maintenance issues, please let him know.

Police Report

Deputy Bickett reported he had two (2) separate domestic instances. A gentleman was arrested in one of the instances. He has met with the owners/staff of High Voltage to lay out expectations. He has been happy with what he has seen so far.

Approve Minutes as Published

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 3, 16, and Joint Meeting of the Board from January 18. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Paying of Bills.

Trustee Delbridge asked President Troutman, since Deputy Cogdal had been gone since mid-December, should the Village pay the Peoria County Sheriff's office? President Troutman said the Sheriff's department did continue to provide full coverage - it was just different officers covering the shifts.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$60,099.29. 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 carried.

Municipal Code Officer's Report

MCO Sullivan reviewed the code report.

MCO Sullivan commented that things have been slow with the weather. He is working with the attorney to revamp codes and hopes to have those ready to implement by Spring 2024. He is also working on the water grant for Edelstein. MCO Sullivan commented that the Village will need to have a support resolution as an agenda item at the February 20 meeting, as this will help support the grant.

Any Action Regarding M.C.O. Report

None

Joe and Jamie Messmore to Address the Board

Joe Messmore was present and introduced himself and his wife Jamie as the new owners of the Princeville Laundromat. They purchased it about a month ago. They are working to freshen that corner up, and are looking at options for the fitness side. The Messmores would like to submit an application for a Class H license, to add a gaming lounge to the existing fitness area. With having a gaming lounge, they would have an attendant there all of the time and it could give people a place to stay there with their laundry. They hope to bring people in from Brimfield, Dunlap and Stark County.

Trustee Delbridge asked if they planned to keep the laundromat. Yes, the Messmores plan to keep the laundromat.

Consider and Vote to Approve Residential Rehabilitation Program for 215 West Main Street.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve Residential Rehabilitation Program for 215 West Main Street in the amount of \$1,512.00. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

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

Absent: None

Nays: Trustee Schoenbeck

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports

None.

Any Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Past Due Water Bill Reviewed

The past due water bill list was reviewed.

Building Permits

609 East Spring Street – put up a parking garage.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works

- Water tank was drained and had an inspection. Superintendent Gardner needs to get an approximate cost for a roof and two (2) new panels on the bottom.
- Met with the engineer about the sewer main water job spanning North Santa Fe to new development. It would be \$335,000 to tie this into Brockway Hills. He will put this in the budget for the coming year.
- Met with the Mack Truck representative regarding a new dump/plow truck. They are sold out for 2024 but can get a truck in Spring 2025. Superintendent Gardner said he can buy the truck on next fiscal budget, and then purchase the accessories in the next budget year (two-year spread) - \$160,000 - \$200,000 with everything.
 - Single axel Diesel with 12ft box
- Building at southwest sewer plant is at the end of its useful life and will need to come down. Superintendent Gardner said he will need a new storage shed for equipment and may looking at adding one along Woertz Road.
 - \$87,000 for shell (does not include the concrete)
- Do have a water line repair on Stanton Avenue.
- Joey did get the flooring done in the office.
- Invoiced the School District for snow plowing and salt.
- Did have an employee dinner/lunch up here a few weeks ago which cost around \$250.
- Someone fell uptown last December, tripped over a parking block. Insurance is handling a suit from an individual.

Any Other Business to Be Brought Before the Board

Trustee Peterson asked if his father would need a sticker for a scooter he may be driving around town. Treasurer Delridge said no.

President Troutman met with the Greenfield Contractors last week. They hope to start groundwork this Fall and build in April 2025. They are also researching some ways to market the property to future businesses.

Adjourn

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM. 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 carried.

Next Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 20 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk