

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
March 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: 857 2969 0451, Passcode: 4wUNK5 OR use the call-in number: 1-312-626-6799, enter Meeting ID: 857 2969 0451, Passcode: 966256. 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 March 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 Dan Sullivan and Clerk, Sarah Cordis.

Others Present: Nick Vlahos – The Weekly Post; Michael Harmon, Jenny Davis, Christina Stedman

Others Present Via Zoom: Martin Fairchild

Public Comment

Martin Fairchild asked the Village Board about the letter of support for Ameren that he requested at the January 3 meeting. Treasurer Delbridge said the letter had been written and sent to Ameren and Trajectory Energy. Mr. Fairchild asked if he could have a copy. Treasurer Delbridge said yes, he could have a copy and could stop by anytime to get it. Mr. Fairchild thanked the Village for their support with the energy farm project.

Police Report

No officer present.

President Troutman said the Village is currently in limbo regarding our community officer. Officer Bickett is on paid administrative leave from the Sheriff's Department. The hope is to have someone assigned as the Village Community Officer by the end of March.

Approve Minutes as Published

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for February 5th and 20th. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Paying of Bills.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the bills as of March 6, 2024 in the amount of \$35,672.54. Trustee Schoenbeck seconded the motion.

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

Municipal Code Officer's Report

MCO Sullivan reviewed the code report.

As the weather gets nicer, MCO Sullivan plans to survey alleyways, as those are the responsibility of the property owner.

He is waiting on two not completed properties. They are with the attorney and waiting for the Village to vote on an update to an ordinance this evening.

He is working on the Princeville/Edelstein water project. There is a new grant opportunity from the Federal EPA. Trustee Peterson asked if we have talked to the EPA about extending that far. The EPA suggested Edelstein reach out to Princeville. (This extension would just be for the town of Edelstein, not the surrounding residences of Edelstein.) Trustee Delbridge asked who from the County was involved. MCO Sullivan said Brian Elsasser, board chairman Jimmy Dillon and we are working on getting a letter of support from Scott Sorrel. MCO Sullivan is hoping to get some funding from a grant but knows the grant will not pay for the entire project. This project cannot be started until the grant is approved.

President Troutman said Greenfield Contractors is building north of the Dollar General. They are starting to get estimates together and will start tearing the house down soon. The house will be bulldozed, dumped into the existing basement and burned. They will need to get a Village permit to demolish the house.

Any Action Regarding M.C.O. Report

None.

Princeville Little League to Address the Board for a Donation

Christina Stedman addressed the board, and asked for a donation from the Village. She said that donations help cover the cost of new equipment, jerseys, and sponsor teams. Two years ago the Village donated \$500. Last year there was not an ask from the Village.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to a Princeville Little League donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for sponsorship. Trustee Delbridge seconded the motion.

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

Jenny Davis, to Address the Board, to Request the Addition of a Yearly Permit & Fee for Vendor Licenses.

Jenny Davis and her husband, Bob, have a food trailer, "Top That", based out of Toulon. She passed out their menu. She said she has received many requests to come to Princeville. She learned that Princeville only has daily permits, \$50.00 per day, valid from 8 AM – 8 PM but not a yearly permit. If they were to come multiple times a year, \$50.00 per visit is not economical for them. And they want to come at least every other week. Jenny asked the Village Board to consider a yearly permit price.

Jenny would like to bring her food trailer to town Monday for lunch. Superintendent Gardner will have extra garbage cans and picnic tables as she plans to park around Stevens Square.

Trustee Delbridge said the license committee would need to meet to discuss yearly permits.

Jenny Davis said she also plans to be in Princeville on April 8 at Princeville State Bank. The bank invited them to set up for lunch as it is community banking week.

Consider and Vote to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Fine Schedule for Violations of the Village Property Maintenance Code.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Fine Schedule for Violations of the Village Property Maintenance Code. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Consider and Vote to Approve an Ordinance Allowing Service by Posting of Notices of Abate Violations of the Village Code Pertaining to Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to Approve an Ordinance Allowing Service by Posting of Notices of Abate Violations of the Village Code Pertaining to Inoperable and Abandoned Vehicles. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

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

Absent: None

Nays: Trustee Gilroy

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Committee Reports

A License Committee meeting was set for March 19th at 6:30 PM.

Trustee Peterson said the Property Committee met tonight. They heard from the volunteer group working on the pool project. They are working to secure not-for-profit status, this way they can accept donations/gifts. They are also working on getting quotes on what it would take to update the bathhouses. It is a slow process, and they will keep the Village informed of their status.

President Troutman asked if the group was still planning to have a decision by the June date. The group is working towards that date. Trustee Peterson said if something does happen by then, consider working with them, as this could be a slow process. If the Village were to donate or sell the property to the group, there would need to be an ordinance that if this does not work out, the pool would go back to the Village.

Any Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Past Due Water Bill Reviewed

The past due water bill list was reviewed.

Building Permits

103 North Cottage Grove – put up four (4) panels of privacy fence at the northwest corner of the lot.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works

- The closet and kitchenette within Village Hall are done. He is just waiting on the countertop.
- The old Village truck is doing alright.
 - He did find a used one, low miles, white in color, vinyl seats, 6,600 miles, Yemm in Galesburg for \$34,906, out the door.
 - He has looked at used ones in Morton and Peoria, but it is hard to find exactly what he is looking for.
 - TIF funds can be used to purchase a new truck.
- Water tank repair would cost an estimated \$205,000. This quote is from Cady Aqua Store, the company the Village has used previously.
 - New water tank is \$305,000, which includes the concrete base. The Village would not need the concrete base, as we already have that. They would back that fee out, but there would be demolition fees.
 - He is getting more quotes on new stainless-steel tanks.
 - The current tank may make it another year and needs to be in full operation for canning season. Village might have to wait until after canning season to do repairs or install a new tank.
 - This is a 107,000 gallon tank. He cannot install a larger tank as the concrete floor was poured for that size.
- The Village is getting lead surveys back.
 - One home so far has lead lines.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the Village purchasing a used truck from Yemm Chevrolet, in Galesburg, for around \$35,000. Trustee Pope seconded the motion.

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion carried.

Any Other Business to Be Brought Before the Board

President Troutman stated that two (2) vehicles were towed when we had the large snowfalls in January. This was due to disobeying the parking ban when snow storm hit. One resident paid their towing invoice, got their vehicle back and is asking the Village to reimburse him. The Village Attorney said Village had the legal right to tow under the circumstances. The vehicle was on a Village street and there was a parking ban. President Troutman does not feel the Village needs to reimburse him. Trustee Gilroy said that the ordinance is posted on water bills, is listed on the website at all times and signs are posted.

Adjourn

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

All in favor: Aye

Opposed: Nay

President Troutman declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Village Board Meeting, Tuesday, March 19 @ 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk