

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
December 6, 2021 7:00 PM

Per Ordinance 2021-06-02, and as the Village President has determined that in-person attendance may be imprudent or impractical due to the pandemic, remote access will be available for attendance of the below meeting. To attend remotely, go to zoom.us/join. Enter Meeting ID: 822 3523 0377 Enter Passcode: Bnz40Z Or to attend the meeting by phone, dial, 312-626-6799, Enter Meeting ID: 822 3523 0377 Enter Passcode: 863163

Roll Call

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

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Others Present: Julie Delbridge, Superintendent Chad Gardner, MCO Dan Sullivan, Becky Spencer - Peoria County Animal Protection Services, Sarah Cordis, Clerk and Deputy Martinez

Others Present via Zoom: Scott Brunton, Christina Dean, Spencer Wilson

A quorum was present for the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING / Truth in Taxation: Regarding a Proposed 2021 Tax Levy for the Village of Princeville.

There was no public comment regarding the Truth in Taxation. President Troutman and Scot Brunton both commented that by proposing a 2021 Tax levy for the Village, that this will take the Village back-up to where the tax levy should be. Next year should consist of normal increases.

Scott Brunton said that this plan is right on track with the what the plan suggested last year. (\$134,000 this year).

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to propose a 2021 Tax Levy for the Village of Princeville. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Board of Trustees Comments Regarding a Proposed 2021 Tax Levy.

There was no further discussion.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion regarding a proposed 2021 Tax Levy. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Public Comments Regarding a Proposed 2021 Tax Levy.

None.

Motion to Adjourn Public Hearing and Return to Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to Adjourn Public Hearing and Return to Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Consider and Vote on Approval of 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Princeville.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the 2021 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Princeville. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Public Comment Period

Christina Dean asked the Board what her address should be listed as, Northwest Street or Northwest Avenue? Superintendent Gardner said that it should be Northwest Avenue.

She commented that her road has not been redone and water runs into her yard. She said there was some patch work done but was not sure if the work was done. Dean said she has a lot of vehicle traffic that thinks the dead-end she lives on is a turn-around, which creates a lot of traffic and tears up the road. She requested that a 'Dead End' sign be put up. Superintendent Gardner has Northwest Avenue on as one that needs blacktopped/oil+chip. He will monitor the area when there are rains, and he suggested she call the Village if there are any major concerns/issues. Superintendent Gardner will have the Village staff put up a 'Dead End' sign soon.

She also asked for a 'Children at Play' sign be put near her house. President Troutman said there are children throughout town, but it is hard to put signs everywhere. And there is a sign like that not too far from her residence.

Police Report

Deputy Martinez did not have much to report. He will be sure to keep an eye on the park and the decorations.

Approve the Minutes as Published

Trustee Peterson had a correction to the November 1st minutes, to remove his name as a 'Yes' when he was absent. Sarah Cordis will make the correction.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the November 1st and November 16th minutes as corrected. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Treasurer's Report

Julie reviewed the claims paid. One of the payments is for the IL Municipal League, which comes out once a year. She also re-issued the paychecks to the lifeguard who never cashed hers this Summer/Fall.

Julie is going to work with Kyle at Gorenz and Associates on how to better identify items in the 'Misc.' category.

The Village received reimbursement for the insurance claim from the sewer issue.

Julie thanked the board for the investment of the new software, as it has made it much easier to reconcile reports.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. A second was made by Trustee Pope.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Paying of Bills

Superintendent Gardner commented that there was an invoice for Potter for paving/road construction.

Trustee Gilroy asked about the Ameren bill, around \$14,000 a month. She suggested the Village think about solar panels. Superintendent Gardner said the engineer is thinking about solar panels for the sewer plant, if there is available land.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the paying of the bills in the amount of \$44,810.54. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Municipal Code Officers Report

MCO Sullivan commented that Stevens Square looked great with all of the Christmas lights, trees, and decorations.

MCO Sullivan reviewed his code officer report.

MCO Sullivan and President Troutman have a meeting Wednesday with the son of the Alcoa property to discuss next steps.

Trustee Delbridge asked if there were any consequences for repeat ordinance/zoning offenders, those who continue to have debris on their property. The Village is paying MCO to monitor repeat 'problem' properties. Trustee Delbridge asked, for how long do we watch those properties? MCO Sullivan said you can issue fines, which very well may go unpaid, and the goal would be to have them clean up the property. If we are not going to get the fine, there has to be a way to continue to go after them, and stop the habitual behavior. What is the recourse? MCO Sullivan said there is not much else to be done. The Village could remove items from the properties, and then bill the property owners for the clean-up. If the invoice is not paid within thirty (30) days, the Village could put a lien on their property.

President Troutman and Trustee Delbridge gave Superintendent Gardner two names for towing services within Princeville.

Any Action Regarding MCO Report

MCO Sullivan suggested creating a landlord contact list for properties that are rentals. Include the owner's name, contact information, house address, etc. In case of an emergency, this would be a valuable document.

Consider and Vote to Approve Contract Agreement with Peoria County Animal Protection Services (PCAPS) Beginning January 1, 2022.

President Troutman stated that he did not feel the Village was getting much service from the contract. The Village has received reports but there have not been too many issues.

Trustee Gilroy had a question about the impound only option as a potential option for the Village.

President Troutman asked how many other municipalities have the full-service contract? Spencer said that all communities are full service expect Elmwood, which is impound only.

Spencer will send the Village the impound service fee agreement so the Village can compare it to the full-service agreement. If the Village had a dangerous dog situation, PCAPS would not cover that under the impound service fee, but rather that would be part of the full-service agreement.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to table voting to approve a contract agreement with Peoria County Animal Protection Services (PCAPS) beginning January 1, 2022. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

All In Favor: Aye

All Opposed: Nay/None

President Troutman declared the motion as tabled.

Consider and Vote to Approve Purchase of Sewer Lift Pumps Required by E.P.A.

Superintendent Gardner said this purchase is a reconditioned pump. Some of the payment will come out of some TIF funds.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the purchase of sewer lift pumps required by E.P.A. Trustee Delbridge seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Consider and Vote to Approve 2022 Village Board Meeting Schedule.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the 2022 Village Board Meeting Schedule. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Consider and Vote to Remove the Handicap Parking Place Located at 138 North Walnut Avenue.

Trustee Gilroy asked why the Village would remove a handicap spot from downtown, as there are not too many. She suggested moving the sign and making the parking spot blue/more visible.

Superintendent Gardner will get the signage correct and paint the area in the Spring.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to keep the handicap parking place located at 138 North Walnut Avenue and maintain it as such. Trustee Delbridge seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Committee Reports

Sewer/Water Committee

The committee discussed the impending rate increase, which will be forced on the Village by the EPA. Estimated cost is \$6-8million, re-visit fees every six (6) months. Sewer rate is going up a \$1.25, from \$2.75 to \$4.00. The \$5.00 Village Technology Fee which was all going to the water fund, will now be redirected as follows: \$2.00 to sewer fund and \$3.00 to water fund.

Both changes will take place as of January 1, 2022.

Trustee Peterson made the motion to increase the sewer rate to \$4.00, and redirect the technology fee, \$2.00 to sewer and for \$3.00 to water. Trustee Delbridge seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Any Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Past Due Water Bill Review

The past-due water bill list was reviewed.

Building Permits.

- None.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works.

- Joey is back to work.
- Done picking up leaves for the year.
- Preparing snowplows for the winter months.
- Pool – Starting to tear out the partitions.
 - Partitions and shower curtains. No doors. (May cost a few thousand dollars to build partitions.)
 - The price/quote to raise and jack up concrete was \$25,000.
 - Availability of pumps is looking slim.
 - Can operate in the 2022 season with what we have, but will think about how that might work.

Any Other Business to be Brought Before the Board

Trustee Delbridge said the light in the back of the Village building is burned out. Superintendent Gardner will take a look at it.

President Troutman shared that Mediacom rates will go up starting January 1st.

Jason Talley's business was sold. He currently works for that company.

Trustee Gilroy asked what the minimum size lot was to put up a house.

President Troutman advised that groups discontinue using Village Hall as their gathering spaces.

Adjourn

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Pope, Trustee Wineinger

Absent: Trustee Hughes

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk