

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
June 22, 2021 7:00 PM

Roll Call

Roll call showed the board members were physically present: President Troutman, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Pope

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Trustees present via Zoom: Trustee Peterson (see below)

Other Village members physically present: Julie Delbridge and Superintendent of Public Works Chad Gardner

Others present: Deputy Gabriel Martinez, Clerk Sarah Cordis, Elle Benway – Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Discover Peoria, Becky Spencer - Peoria County Animal Protection Services, Mary Wells, and Teresa Sommers.

Approval to Attend Board Meeting Remotely

Per Miller, Hall and Triggs:

*Under the Open Meetings Act (now that the pandemic rules are being pulled back), with the passage of that Ordinance (Ord. No. 2021-06-02), the Village Board members can now attend a Village Board meeting remotely. But, unlike the situation during the pandemic when the entire meeting could be held in the Zoom format, very specific procedures must be followed for allowing a Village Board member to attend a meeting remotely.

President Troutman let the Trustees know Trustee Peterson was absent, but requested to attend remotely due to work circumstances. Upon no motion being made, President Troutman declared that Trustee Peterson would be permitted to attend this meeting remotely.

Police Report

Deputy Martinez did not have much to report. He is looking forward to Heritage Days. President Troutman stated that he thought an extra squad car should 'float' in northern Peoria County, in case it was needed in Princeville.

Trustee Delbridge stated that the corner of Tremont and South Streets, where the speed bumps were put in, cars were weaving in and out of the speed bumps. Deputy Martinez will take a look and look for those going around them.

Treasurer's Report

Julie reported the claims paid for May. This includes the new public works truck. Transfers out were for the two new checking accounts. The Village audit, performed by Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. is June 29th.

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

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Pope

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Paying Additional Bills

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve the paying of additional bills, in the amount of \$69,641.84. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Pope

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Elle Benway of Discover Peoria to Address the Board

Trustee Wilson asked Elle about analytics and how the Village might be able to retain reports. He wants to see how the Village's dollars spent with Discover Peoria really impacts the Village. Elle stated that Discover Peoria uses a program, that is part of an international program, that any data/analytics can be pulled/run, and reported to us. This would compare us to a lot of other communities. She would be glad to run reports whenever the Village would like them. She stated that at the end of the year, Discover Peoria will run annual reports, which includes analyzing the marketing/promotion campaigns.

President Troutman also let the Villages know that Discover Peoria will help with grant writing.

Superintendent Gardner asked about online presence. Municipalities can get into the portal to add, edit, update, or the Discover Peoria office can assist. Ashley is the new Program Manager, and will be the one assigned to the Village of Princeville. Elle stated there is a calendar used to promote upcoming events, calendar of events, etc. The calendar can be filtered in many different ways.

Discover Peoria is currently working with Elmwood, Chillicothe, Peoria Heights, Pekin, Morton, East Peoria, Peoria, and hopefully Princeville. It seems Discover Peoria will also work with Dunlap, although it's looking like that might happen next year.

Once the agreement is signed, Discover Peoria will work with the Village on a marketing plan/course of action.

Consider and Vote to Approve Cooperative Agreement with Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Discover Peoria

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agreement with Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, Discover Peoria. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

Present: Trustee Delbridge

Yeas: Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Pope

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Representative from Peoria County Animal Protective Services to Address the Board

President Troutman stated that some of the services offered by Peoria County Animal Protective Services (PCAPS) were not available anymore. One example he gave was live trapping, with the reasoning being due to COVID. He wanted to know why the Village was not notified if and when services ended or were halted.

Becky stated that the wildlife portion of the contract was for capturing sick or injured wildlife. They are not in the trap and release back into the wild business, as IDNR does not allow that. If the animal is being a nuisance some mitigation can be done.

Trustee Wilson referenced the contract/agreement the Village signed in April 2020 and stated it was vague. Becky referenced the addendum that spelled more out than the original agreement. The Village pays just shy of \$3,700 annually for the agreement, and he is disappointed with the services they are providing.

Becky did say that some services were cut due to COVID, one of which was the trap programs for cats. She noted that trapping and removing cats does not really solve the problem. Going forward PCAPS is going to stop trapping cats and bringing them to the shelter for potential adoption. They are outside animals that most likely won't be adopted. The new program will be to trap, neuter and release back to where they were picked up.

Trustee Wilson questioned some of the calls that took place in 2020. Becky said that she can run any reports anytime the Village would like them. She just needs to know what information the Village is looking for.

Trustee Pope asked about dog bites. Becky, responded, yes, the County will respond to that call and do an investigation. Superintendent Gardner commended Peoria County for the way they handled recent dog bites that he knew of. They were handled thoroughly, professionally, and in a positive way.

Becky stated that there is the option to contract just for the shelter/impound agreement.

President Troutman said the Village has no records from PCAPS regarding current rabies reports. He thought reports the Village did receive were vague.

Trustee Wilson wanted to know how/why the website language was different from that in the contract/agreement.

Becky stated that as of right now, all municipalities have a contract. Unincorporated areas don't have a contract because they are the County of Peoria.

Superintendent Gardner does not want to put any Village employees at risk. They aren't trained to trap, release, etc. Trustees agree with Superintendent Gardner and want to keep employees safe.

President Troutman does agree that it has been an unusual year. Trustee Hughes stated that this is the first PCAPS and Becky have heard from us, and that is the Village's fault as well.

Both entities agree to communicate more clearly and work together.

Consider and Vote to End Contract with Peoria County Animal Protective Services.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to table ending the contract with Peoria County Animal Protective Services. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

All in Favor: Aye – All

All Opposed: Nay - None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Statement of Disclosure of Interest for Trustee Pope, Residing in TIF 3

President Troutman stated that Trustee Pope will not be able to vote on anything related to TIF District 3, as he has decided to remain residing in TIF 3.

Consider and Vote on Appropriation Ordinance

President Troutman stated that the village is not required to have a public hearing (appropriations ordinance), because we are under 2,000 residents.

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to approve the Appropriation Ordinance. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Pope

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Committee Reports

Water/Sewer

Trustee Delbridge said the Water/Sewer committee met with some constituents from Edelstein to discuss running Village water to Edelstein. It is possible for the Village to run water to Edelstein. Wait until the July 6th meeting to discuss the feasibility of this. (An Edelstein water co-op exists.)

Any Action Regarding Committee Reports

None.

Discuss Real Estate Agents and Contracts

President Troutman discussed the Auten Acre properties and the need to meet with the realtor. The current real estate listings, commission, and contract are in need of language review. He is under the impression that some of the credits and incentives are void, however they are still listed.

President Troutman would like to see the contracts and how they have changed over time. The contract with the realtor is up in July, and the Village should think about changing realtors.

Past Due Water Bill Review

The past water bill list was reviewed.

Building Permits.

None.

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works.

- Well #4 is being worked on. He hopes it is working by the 4th of July.
- Contract work for sidewalks is almost complete.
 - There was difficulty with a resident's newly-poured driveway and the newly-poured sidewalk. The sidewalk needs to be re-done. (This may exceed the sidewalk budget.)
- The gazebo will be power washed and painted after Heritage Days.
- Pool – The baby pool is out of commission. Can't find a pump for the pool.
- Chip and oil of roads will take place in August.
- Finished the sidewalk in front of Village Hall. He will make sure not to add a parking spot in front of the ramp. That is for the purpose of ADA access.

Any Other Business to be Brought Before the Board.

Trustee Delbridge said that some community members were complaining about their water smelling like rotten eggs. Superintendent Gardner said if it is just a few residents, it could be their hot water heater. Community members should call the Village and they can come look to see if it can be adjusted.

Trustee Gilroy mentioned that there is a bank of outlets in the pool office that do not work. Superintendent Gardner will take a look at these.

Adjourn

Trustee Gilroy made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

Yeas: Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, Trustee Wilson,
Trustee Pope

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk