

Village of Princeville
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
October 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meetings Act requirements, this meeting was held at the Princeville Village Hall and included a Zoom meeting option. The public was invited to attend in person, as the number of individuals in the board room allowed, or attend via Zoom.

Download zoom.us/join, when prompted to enter the Meeting ID 232 156 7958, Passcode bu3YrS, then click ask to join, or use the call-in number: 1-312-626-6799. Prior to the meeting, you could also submit a public comment by email to the Village Hall at villagehall@princeville.org and insert in the subject line of the email, "Public Comment for Meeting October 20, 2020".

Roll Call

Roll Call showed the following board members were physically present: President Troutman, Trustee Ehnlé, Trustee Delbridge, Trustee Hughes, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Gilroy, and Trustee Wilson

Trustees through Zoom: None.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Other Village members physically present: Superintendent of Public Works C. Gardner, Julie Delbridge, and MOC Dan Sullivan

Others present through Zoom: Tim Wyman

Others present: Deputy Gabriel Martinez, Jerry and Mary Knobloch, Don Stahl, and Jeff Sharp

Police Report

Deputy Martinez asked that if residents hear loud semis to look for a truck number or color of cab, so that he can have a better idea of which driver may be doing the loud shifting in and out of Seneca Foods.

President Troutman said there was a sign missing and semis were rolling through. This has been resolved.

Treasurer's Report

Julie stated that the first payroll, using the new software, went smoothly. Time-off and benefits will now be reflected on employee paychecks/paystubs.

Trustee Wilson made a motion to approve report. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

All in Favor, Aye.

All opposed, Nay.

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Paying Additional Bills

Julie presented the bills. She noted that there was an additional bill from Hein Construction, for work done on the Kennedy Ave. Project, totalling \$88,475.08. (This comes out of the TIF funds.)

Superintendent Gardener stated that the project was almost completed today. Residents got new curb, gutter and street out of this project.

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$73,721.10 and \$88,475.08, for a total of \$162,196.18. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Ostrom Meadows Residents to Address the Board

Don Stahl, Mary and Jerry Knobloch and Jeff Sharp are concerned about their neighbors, the Stones.

The Ostrom Meadows residents did thank Chad Gardner and the Village for getting rid of the garbage and yard waste that had been sitting at the Stone residence for quite some time.

They were concerned about the traffic in and out of the property, but that has subsided since the resident(s) are not currently living there. President Troutman stated that the Village cannot control the traffic in and out of a residence. He owns the house and can come and go whenever he would like.

Don Stahl stated that there were a lot of vehicles in the driveway but those are gone now. President Troutman said the Village did remove an in-operable vehicle from his property, earlier this summer. The Village is doing what we can, given the ordinances that are in place.

They would like for them to mow their yard on a regular basis. Dan Sullivan does send ordinance letters to those who are not following the grass ordinances. President Troutman stated that the Village cannot control the type of grass that is growing in his yard.

Late to mid-August, the Village was denied access to install a new water meter, and the water has been shut off to the house.

Don Stahl stated that they had not been leashing their dog when letting it outside. Given they are not living there now, that has not been an issue. Dan Sullivan said, if you notice that call Peoria County Animal Control. They are contracted by the Village to handle any animal issues, and are trained accordingly.

Superintendent Gardner stated that he and his staff did what they could on the property, prior to being asked to get off the property. Sullivan said he has cameras on his property. Sullivan said to continue to call with issues that neighbors/residents may have with the property. Issues can be addressed without stepping onto his property.

All communication with the Stones is done through certified letters so that he receives it, and it is in writing.

President Troutman suggested the homeowners can call Julie when there are issues. She will let MOC Sullivan know what those issues are.

Jeff Sharp stated that he has spoken to Dustin Stone many times, offering to help him out. Jeff's issues are the drive-bys, traffic, transactions in the night, etc.

Don Stahl also mentioned the island/rumble strip, at the entrance to Ostrom Meadows, and the vehicles that cut the corner there and drive over it rather than around it. President Troutman has mentioned removing that when the road is re-done. Gardner said it wouldn't cost much to paint, but he is afraid people will still cut the corner.

Heavy Rain

Jeff Sharp asked about the generators that are temporarily installed when there is a heavy rain. Gardner stated that this is an infrastructure issue. President Troutman said there are plans in place with the

engineer, but it will take a lot of money. (Similar project on the West side of town took \$1,000,000 to repair.) The hope is to find a loan or grant to assist with this project.

Tim Wyman – Insurance for the Employees

Tim Wyman suggested that the Village renew the current coverage, which is with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. His office does shop all of the main carriers, and they were all higher in cost. The Village is in the best place they can possibly be. Networks all stay the same. He recommends staying with the current insurance, however there will be an 8% increase. This is an HMO product. Rates can only be locked in for one year. When Wyman looked at the rates, they are currently under the market rates.

Renewal for insurance is December 1st.

President Troutman said that at the November 2nd meeting the Village will take action to vote on it, and report back to Tim on November 3rd.

Municipal Code Officer Report

Dan Sullivan is pleased with the completed violation list. He is in the process of putting a lien on the 209 N. Rebecca address. There are not too many new violations on the list.

Two properties have been turned over to the attorney. Court dates are Tuesday, October 27th, a week from today. Residents and property owners have been notified. Trustee Wilson asked that any communication between property owners and the attorney be done via certified mail.

Trustee Delbridge stated that while it may be cheaper to use one attorney over another, the current attorney needs to be more thorough and agreed to sending letters via certified mail. He believes it may be time to reconsider attorneys for The Village.

Any Action Regarding MCO Report

None.

Opening of Sealed Bids for 217 W. Evans Street

President Troutman stated that the Village received one sealed bid for the 217 W. Evans St. property. The offer was from Bruce Cornell, for \$5,000.00.

President Troutman did let the board know that there was a typo on the Home Inspection Report. The correct address listed should be 217 W. Evans St. and not 409 W. Evans St.

Taxes would start on the first day the buyer takes ownership. The new owner has a year to make it habitable or tear it down.

Consider and Vote to Accept Bid for Sale of Village-Owned Surplus Real Estate located at 217 W. Evans Street

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to sell a surplus parcel of real estate owned by the Village, Ordinance 2020-09-03, which is legally described in Exhibit A (Lot 4, Block 13, Tax I.D. No. 02-13-487-001) and as depicted in Exhibit B (217 W. Evans Street), in the amount of \$5,000.00. A second was made by Gilroy.

All in Favor, Aye

All opposed, Nay.

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Trustee Troutman will reach out to Mr. Cornell.

Administer Oath, to Trustee Lisa Hughes, in the Village of Princeville’s Emergency Services Disaster Agency (ESDA) organization as per Ordinance 2020-08-02 Establishing ESDA and Civil Emergency Procedures for the Village of Princeville.

President Troutman administered the Oath to Trustee Hughes.

Consider and Vote on An Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Village of Princeville and Akron-Princeville Fire Protection District.

The Village shall reimburse the Fire Protection District for capital costs related to the purchase of fire safety equipment in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Trustee Delbridge made the motion to reimburse the Fire Protection District for capital costs related to the purchase of fire safety equipment in the amount of \$25,000.00. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

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

Abstain: Trustee Peterson – resides in the TIF District.

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Consider and Vote on Commercial Exterior Beautification and Renovation Program Application Princeville TIF District 1 from Erich Thomas, Walnut Ave. Woodworking

Erich Thomas asked the Village for \$4,527.00 as was listed in his application for exterior beautification and renovation application.

Trustee Delbridge made the motion to accept the application and receipts for Erich Thomas. Trustee Gilroy seconded the motion.

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

Abstain: Trustee Peterson – resides in the TIF District.

Nays: None

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

President Troutman said the finance committee met last Thursday night.

Tom Peffer, Gorenz & Associates, and Scott Bruton, Miller, Hall, and Triggs, were present. Tom had just received the Village’s paperwork. One of the items discussed was Truth and Taxation, doing a 3 or 6 year phase in. The Village is allowed to levy for police protection. Scott suggested that we add that in for the tax bill. Could add a 12-13% increase, about \$13,000.00. (Troutman will have Gwen Crawford draft a 1, 2, and 3 year plan to see what the rates look like, and how we want to move forward.)

President Troutman said a six-year deal is a long time to wait. Two to three years makes it more feasible.

President Troutman state that the Board would need to vote on this at the next meeting.

Any Action Regarding Committee Reports

None

Past Due Water Bill Review

The past due water bill list was reviewed. Friday is the last day to pay, prior to shut-offs.

Building Permits

- None

Report from the Superintendent of Public Works

- Hohenberry House – Ameren is putting it on the schedule. JULIE will be contacted for the purposes of digging for the demolition.
 - They have until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 21st, to have it cleaned out.
 - Have an officer come in when they first start to dig.
- Seneca Foods – Getting toward the end of the season – November 20th – looking at the end date.
- Kennedy St. is done. Punch list is ready for the contractor to finish.
- Meters have been installed at the duplexes on North Town Ave.
- Holiday Trees – Julie is getting ready to send the information out.
 - Princeville Civic Association – December 6th is the Holiday stroll
- Additional bicycle trail signs are in place.
- Leaf machine – officially starting Monday.
- Check on insurance for the dura-patcher if it is going to sit in the Village shed all winter.

Any Other Business to Be Brought Before the Board

President Troutman reviewed the quarterly Peoria County Animal Protection Services service call report.

Regarding elections, make sure everyone that needs to be on the ballot gets on the ballot. Petitions could be available starting in November and would need to be turned in first week of December.

Adjourn

Trustee Delbridge made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 PM. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion.

All in Favor, Aye.

All opposed, Nay.

President Troutman declared the motion as passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Cordis, Village of Princeville Clerk