

## **Village of Princeville Minutes of the Mid-Month Board Meeting**

**September 19, 2017**

**7:30 p.m.**

The Princeville Village Board met on the above date and time at the Village Hall. President Troutman called the meeting to order with the following Trustees answering present: Gilroy, Haley, Geiger, Ehnle and Delbridge. Trustee Sutherland arrived at 7:49 p.m. A quorum was present for the meeting. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were sent and received in a timely manner. Also present was Superintendent of Public Works Gardner. Treasurer Hofer took the minutes. President Troutman added three people to the agenda: Ron Hill, water in basement, Dan Crotts & Tara Williams, barking dog & Terry Bowen, speeding.

**Police Report:** Deputy Patterson was not present. President Troutman noted that there was a report regarding domestic battery and one regarding criminal damage to property in the last couple of weeks.

**PCA Report:** Julie Delbridge reported that the PCA now has \$1800 in the flag & pole fund. There will be a Trunk or Treat at Stevens Square on Sunday, October 29. This event is sponsored by Haskell-Hott Funeral Home. There will be free hot dogs at the firehouse on Monday, October 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Princeville State Bank will also provide chili, and the Lions Club will be cooking the hot dogs. Holiday Homecoming will be Saturday, December 2 in the morning. There will be a Santa Breakfast at the firehouse sponsored by the Lions Club. The ambulance garage and Country Feed and Supply will be having a craft/vendor fair. Each table is \$20 with the money going to the Akron Princeville Ambulance group.

**Consider & vote to approve the 2016-17 Financial Report. Tom Peffer available if there are any questions:** Tom Peffer had not arrived.

**Terry & Deanna Stahl to address the board & Ron Hill, added in:** Deanna Stahl spoke to the board regarding flooding in her basement during a heavy rain. The Stahl's live next door to Darren Pullen who had a check valve and slicer valve installed to prevent flooding in his basement. He had also put in a sump pump and rerouted his drains into the storm sewer. The Village voted to pay for half the expense of having the check valve and slicer valve installed at his home. Mrs. Stahl voiced concern that the Pullen's work will cause even more flooding in her basement. Ron Hill lives in the same neighborhood as the Stahl's and voiced his concern also. Jake Wilson, a neighbor in that area was present too. After discussion, President Troutman asked that the concerned neighbors bring an estimate to the next board meeting for the cost of putting in the check valve and slicer valve. A sump pump would have to be installed at the home owner's expense, before any financial assistance for the valves would be considered.

**Daniel Crotts & Tara Williams, dog issue:** Crotts & Williams had been visited by PAWS regarding their dog barking and disturbing the peace. They claim that their dog is hardly left outside alone, doesn't cause any disturbance and they were treated unfairly. They weren't issued any tickets from PAWS. Mr. Crotts continued with other problems within the Village. President Troutman firmly asked him to stop as the other problems were not stated when they asked to be added to the agenda.

**Terry Bowen, speeding on North Street:** Mr. Bowen lives on W. North Street and feels the speeding along that street is dangerous. He asked that more "25 MPH" signs be placed and a "Children At Play" sign be added also. A message about speeding in the Village will be added to the water bills and Superintendent Gardner will look into signage.

**Approve any additional bills:** Some additional bills needed to be approved and paid before the next board meeting. The amount of the bills was \$13,458.09; making the total of bills for August \$86,882.67. **Motion** made by Trustee Delbridge and seconded by Trustee Gilroy to pay the additional bills for August. President Troutman, roll call vote. Trustee Sutherland, Gilroy, Haley, Geiger, Ehnlé, Delbridge and President Troutman voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

**Grocery Store update:** President Troutman met with Dru Black and Matt Daily from the Princeville State Bank, whom had spoken with representatives from Western Illinois University. They had talked with a representative from the university regarding a program for financial assistance to buyers of businesses. Village Foods would not qualify since they are current owners, not new buyers. The store has been looking for financial assistance.

**Ordinance Code Fine Book update:** The current tickets that the Village has are not correct. President Troutman has spoken the State's Attorney and sent of copy of the tickets so they can be corrected and reprinted. We will be working with the Village lawyer also. The new tickets will be used by Deputy Patterson and the Municipal Code Officer, Dan Sullivan. The new tickets can't be used for speeding in Village limits.

**Announce Zoning Board Chairman:** The Zoning Board met and Dan Huss was appointed as the new chairman. The board also has two new members, Lisa Hughes and Jake Wilson. The Zoning Board does not meet on a regular basis; only when needed.

**Discuss Pete Gill's water bill issue:** The Gill's had met earlier with the Water/Sewer Committee. The Gill's had received a high bill for their business on S. Walnut. Village employees had looked into the issue and an incorrect reading was the problem. The owners will be issued a credit. Also the Gill's felt that the reading dates were very inconsistent and varied. This does not help the small

business owners. The Board then discussed installing radio read water meters. The radio readers are more accurate and can be done no matter what the weather is and done much faster. It now takes the employees about three days to read the meters. If the weather is bad, the readings must wait. The cost of the radio read meters is \$200-\$250 each. Regarding past-due water bills, the board would like a report each month.

**Code update for Main Street buildings:** A business owner wanted to reshape a roof to redirect the water flow. Neighboring buildings would be affected by the change to the roof. This prompted the Village to look at the present building codes, and will be working with our lawyer to get any additions needed to protect buildings within the village. This includes looking at fire prevention and not allowing any flammable surfaces to be added.

**Committee Reports:** No committee reports.

**Building Permits:** Dan Heinz Builders, 509 Heinz Lane, New House

**Consider & vote to approve the 2016-17 Financial Report. Tom Peffer available if there are any questions:** Tom Peffer didn't make it to the meeting and will be coming at a later date. **Motion** made by Trustee Sutherland and seconded by Trustee Gilroy to approve the 2016-17 Financial Report. President Troutman, roll call vote. Trustees Sutherland, Gilroy, Haley, Geiger, Ehnle, Delbridge and President Troutman voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

**Report from the Superintendent of Public Works:** Mid America Energy will be providing the electricity for the Village. The electric rate will be 4.3 per kilowatt hour, and after two years, it will be 4.98 per kilowatt hour. Most residents are already on the program, and if you want to opt out; a response needs to be sent to them. Storage tanks behind the RO plant will be drained and taken down by Clean Harbors. Sealcoating of certain streets will be September 21. The pool has been winterized. Pool improvements will be done over the closed season. Posts will be put up on light poles for the new Christmas decorations. The pump house needs a new roof. United Contractors has the bid and the work will be done in the next week or two.

**Any other business that needs to be brought before the board:** Trustee Delbridge thought that we should make plans for the Village Christmas Dinner. Places and dates will be looked into.

**Adjournment:** Trustee Halely made a **motion** to adjourn at 8:58 p.m., second by Trustee Sutherland. President Troutman, voice vote. All ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

*Respectfully Submitted, Sue Hofer*