## **MEETING MINUTES**

# PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL

## PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164 August 16, 2021

COUNCILORS PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT GREG NELSON

VICE PRESIDENT MIKE GALLAMORE

COUNCILOR KAREN HARRISON COUNCILOR TROY MEADOWS COUNCILOR PHILIP MONTARSI

COUNCILOR ABSENT:

**COUNCILOR TROY MEADOWS** 

CLERK-TREASURER ABSENT:

ERICA LYDEN-GIGER

TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT:

LEE ROBBINS

STAFF PRESENT:

MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS

WATER SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL

STREET SUPERINTENDENT AREC BURTON DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER LINDSEY KELLY

SPECIAL GUEST:

JON QUERY

PUBLIC PRESENT:

ANTHONY GIGER RICHARD GIGER RICHARD HANLIN

Council President Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **SPECIAL GUEST:**

Jon Query with HWC asked the Council to approve a change order for Division A, installing a prefabricated booster station at the site of the new water tower in Trafalgar due to the tower not filling properly. The total of the project would be \$218,121.75. The Town would be able to get SRF and OCRA money to help pay for the cost. Council Vice President Mike Gallamore informed the Council that we have the money to install the booster pump. The system will help the entire water system and it will only cost more in the future. Councilor Phil Montarsi asked why we are having to install the booster station. Mr. Query explained that it is a combination of the volume in the system, Trafalgar's use and pressure. All models show it should be filling. The new pump should fill 100 gallons per minute.

#### After discussion:

➤ Council President Nelson made a motion to approve the new booster station for the total purchase price of \$218,121.75, and apply the proceeds from OCRA and SRF funding, and pay the additional amount out of utility funds to reach the full amount. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously

## **PUBLIC FORUM:**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

➤ Council President Nelson made a motion to approve the July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

## **TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:**

Marshal Greg Southers informed the Council that he spoke with a new company in Trafalgar about getting a new Town logo. The company is going to make the current logo more professional. Officer Coffey is going to a Less Lethal Training course next week. In September there is another 3-day training course for \$1,000.00. After the course, the officer will be certified to train others. With that course, the police department will get 2 pepper guns, 2 air tanks and pepper balls. Marshal Southers and Ox are going to training for narcotics.

Marshal Southers stated that he is going to hire a part-time assistant from Johnson County. She is going to get their system to download in-car videos and body cameras.

Marshal Southers also spoke about the license plate reader system. He and Mr. Gallamore were able to watch a demonstration and it is a top-of-the-line system. It would be able to be added to their lap tops in their police vehicles. Mr. Gallamore informed the Council that the system is \$3000.00. JC REMC Fiber has been contacted to add the fiber to a pole on Howard Prince Drive. Councilor Montarsi would like the second camera to be on an independent pole that the Town would control.

Mr. Gallamore checked on the price for 3 new AED machines. The cost for new the AEDs would be \$6,384.04. Marshal Southers would like to research and see if he can get less expensive machines.

#### **WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:**

Superintendent Scott Blackwell informed the Council that all the water breaks lately were from old repairs that broke again. The utility workers have been out until 9:00 – 10:00 pm for the past 4 Friday nights. Mr. Blackwell wanted to Council to know that he has a really good crew right now and they have worked very hard this past month and a half.

The security on the wells has been completed, but he is still waiting on fencing. The company keeps pushing the install date. Camp Atterbury has purchased the new meters to replace the ones that are not calibrated correctly, they are waiting to have them installed. Camp Atterbury is responsible for installing those.

Mr. Blackwell informed the Council that there was a large leak at the park where the little league plays. He was wondering who pays the bills for the park. Mr. Southers said the Town has always paid the bills for the park. Town resident Richard Giger informed the Council that it has always been paid by the Town just like the park at Town Hall. Mr. Gallamore also spoke that the Town pays the park's bills. Councilor Karen Harrison asked if the leak has been fixed yet. Mr. Blackwell said he does not know if the leak has been fixed or who is responsible for the repair since this is the first issue that has happened since he has been superintendent.

## **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Superintendent Arec Burton said they brush cut about 10 roads. They filled in low spots at the track to hopefully stop the flooding. Patched some holes from leak repairs. Council President Nelson asked if he has contacted anyone to repair the pot hole in the road. Mr. Burton stated that they have repaired the hole, but have contacted Dave O'Mara to come back and take a look at it. Mr. Gallamore asked if he has had any complaints about trimming overhanging limbs? Mr. Burton said one bus driver has said something and he is going to try and talk to her about it. Mr. Burton said there is a Town ordinance that states residents are responsible for trimming their own limbs and he is going to start sending out letters to residents. Mr. Gallamore said since he has been on the Council, the Town has always trimmed the limbs.

Mr. Burton presented the Council with bids to purchase a new dump truck for \$59,555.00 and \$2,225.00 for lights. Councilor Harrison stated that in the past they have financed vehicles. Town Attorney Lee Robbins also spoke about financing the dump truck since rates are low right now. Councilor Montarsi also said he likes the idea of financing. Mr. Burton also would like to purchase a new salt spreader, plow mount and strobe lights for \$8,270.72

#### After discussion,

- ➤ Councilor Montarsi made a motion to purchase the new dump truck for \$59,555.00 and finance at Mutual Savings Bank for 60 months at 2.49% and to purchase needed equipment with appropriated funds out of 2021 budget and to authorize Council President Greg Nelson to execute the purchase agreement and finance documents. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- ➤ Council President Nelson made a motion to purchase a new salt spreader, plow mount and strobe lights for \$8,270.72. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

## **CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:**

Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Lindsey Kelly presented the Council with claims for the Town in the amount of \$129,678.36

#### After discussion.

Council President Nelson made a motion to approve claims for the Town in the amount of \$129,678.36 Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Ms. Kelly presented the Council with claims for Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$402,015.09

After discussion,

➤ Council President Nelson made a motion to approve claims for the Water & Wastewater in the amount of \$402,015.09, Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

## **ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

Mr. Robbins updated the Council on the Monica Spears property. She has been served with the invoice for clearing the lot and still has time on her 30 day window to respond. Ms. Spears also has been asked to consent for an inspection to the property. She has 10 days to comply. After the 10 days, we will ask a Johnson County judge to issue an inspection warrant, which will give Thomas Thompson the authority to enter the house and assess the structural integrity. Mr. Robbins said Ms. Spears also has a corrective order to; seal the premises, remove the deck, clear the debris, and level the back yard.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Vice President Gallamore informed the Council that they need to vote on increasing the on-call stipend. It was discussed earlier in the year, but never voted.

➤ Vice President Gallamore made a motion to increase the on-call stipend retroactive to June 1, 2021. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Vice President Gallamore informed the Council that during their planning session they discussed offering employees who are still employed and worked through Covid a stipend using APR funds.

After discussion,

Council President Nelson made a motion to offer employees that worked during the 2020 pandemic and were essential workers, a one-time stipend of \$750.00 for full-time employees and any part-time employees \$350.00 to be paid out of the American Rescue

Plan Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Councilor Montarsi seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Anthony Giger addressed the Council with concerns that the Streed Department is responsible for clearing overhanging limbs and keeping the roads clear of debris.

Council President Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Lyden-Giger Clerk-Treasurer Council:

Council President Greg Nelson

Council Vice President Mike Gallamore

Councilor Karen Harrison

Councilor Proy Meadows

Councilor Philip Montars