



MEETING MINUTES
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
PRINCE'S LAKES TOWN HALL, 14 E LAKEVIEW DR, NINEVEH, IN 46164
April 21, 2025

COUNCILORS PRESENT:	COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINDSEY HENSON COUNCILOR CHARLIE BOURNE COUNCILOR ANTHONY GIGER COUNCILOR KEVIN HARRISON
COUNCILOR ABSENT:	COUNCIL V PRESIDENT BRYAN TEARMAN
CLERK-TREASURER PRESENT:	ERICA LYDEN-GIGER
TOWN ATTORNEY PRESENT:	LEE ROBBINS
STAFF PRESENT:	MARSHAL GREG SOUTHERS UTILITES SUPT SCOTT BLACKWELL STREET SUPERVISOR TERRY WEST
PUBLIC PRESENT:	JEREMY NELSON ELISSA MAUDLIN GREG NELSON MIKE GALLAMORE PHIL MONTARSI JASON TIMMONS LYNETTE TIMMONS MARK BALDWIN

Council President Henson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC FORUM:

- Debbie Klare asked if there was an ordinance that protects property owners from neighbors. Ms. Klare stated her neighbors have dug out their yard on the property line and caused damage to her property. She stated they have a sump pump hose that is running onto her property and the retaining wall has caused erosion to her garden. She also said their downspout is buried into the ground and it's running onto her property as well. Building Inspector Phil Montarsi stated he cannot do anything about natural runoff, but he

can do something about the sump pump. He said he has already checked into this and did not see the erosion, but he will go back and investigate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Council President Henson motioned to approve the March 17, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes. Councilor Charlie Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

TOWN MARSHAL REPORT:

Marshal Greg Southers said he met with Councilors Kevin Harrison and Charlie Bourne about the circus and he will have adequate police coverage during the event. He is going to meet with both of them again and Mr. Montarsi about turning the old wastewater building into the new police department. Councilor Anthony Giger asked how much it would cost to turn the old wastewater building into the police department. Marshal Southers stated the previous Council approved \$15,000.00 Mr. Giger stated \$15,000 is not going to be enough to finish the job and that is not enough to add a bathroom. The current bathroom will need to be updated for ADA compliance. Councilor Kevin Harrison stated they have a donated used furnace. Mr. Giger questioned the condition of a used furnace and the longevity and stated he does not want to use tax payer dollars on a project that is not going to be funded or properly constructed. Councilor Bourne stated the sewer pumps have been removed, cleaned and pressure washed the floods. Mr. Montarsi explained how the discussion started about turning the old wastewater building into the police department and suggested it be turned into a maintenance garage. Mr. Giger agreed. Council President Lindsey Henson stated she agrees the police need a new building. Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger stated she also agrees that the police need a new building, but this was not a budgeted project, and only the remaining \$11,771.29 of the American Rescue Plan Act was allocated for the project. Mrs. Lyden-Giger stated with Senate Enrolled Act 1 passing the Town is going to lose a significant amount of tax dollars. The Town does not make any money it relies on tax dollars and with over an estimated \$100,000 in lost tax dollars, the Town is going to suffer and Council is going to have to think about how to make up for that short fall. She feels having another building that is fully funded by tax dollars is not a good financial decision and Council needs to think about monthly bills are going to be paid month after month and into the future. After more discussion was made, Marshal Southers is going to get new bids.

WATER/WASTEWATER REPORT:

Superintendent Scott Blackwell presented the Council with his report. He said they completed their hydrant flushing program and hosted their first class in the new building. The SCADA project goes live on May 15, the UV system is operational. Mr. Blackwell gave the Council a price comparison list for the last few years that compares how high utility prices that the Town of Prince's Lakes Water and Wastewater Utility has to pay each month has gone up. He also said we are moving forward with HWC and the new reservoir project and companies will be able to bid starting in May.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Street Department Supervisor Terry West said he went to Purdue Road School last month, but he did not feel it pertained to him and would still like to get more training. There was flood damage at the ball park. The water washed away a lot of the millings in the parking lot and fiber at the playground. It took three

days to repair everything. Mr. West said that we have to rescind the CCMG. The math was not correct on the application and they were short material. He said the second round opens up again in July, and he will reapply.

CLERK-TREASURER REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Erica Lyden-Giger presented General, Utilities, March 27, 2025 & April 24, 2025, allowance docket claims, HWC #6 for \$42,000, and HWC #10 \$2,250.00 and ask the Council for approval in the amounts of \$168,875.72 \$424,804.73, \$41,218.37, \$47,775.30

- Council President Henson motioned to approve all claims as presented. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Town Attorney Lee Robbins stated Council needs to adopt the SRF resolution that authorizes Lindsey Henson to sign all documents in regard to the SRF loan program. Mr. Robbins also stated DNR sent a letter stating we have to have a model ordinance in respect to a flood prevention plan and presented Ordinance 2025-05 a Flood Damage Prevention ordinance.

- Councilor Bourne motioned to adopt SRF resolution and authorize Lindsey Henson to sign all documents related to the SRF loan program. Councilor Harrison seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
- Councilor Harrison motioned to adopt Ordinance 2025-05 a Flood Damage Prevention. Councilor Bourne seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Gallamore stated the circus plans are moving forward and looks like it will be a good turnout. They received a \$500 grant from SCI REMC for the Community Garden. They are going to install a storage shed and a potting table for the garden. The Lee family donated the money to start the dog park and they will have dedication ceremony just for the family on April 26. The community dedication will be April 26.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mark Baldwin addressed the Council and stated on April 4 he had rushing water in his garage. He called the emergency number and the technician said he did not have a leak, but when he opened the pit there was rushing water. The technician installed a new grinder. Once the new grinder was installed Mr. Baldwin's shower, tub and toilet backed up into the house and caused flood damage in the house. Insurance won't cover the damage. Mr. Blackwell stated the house next to Mr. Baldwin was torn down and they share a grinder. He told the contractor that he needed to cap off the line to grinder and the contractor showed Mr. Blackwell that he had done that. Mr. Blackwell stated there was so much water all at once and the pit was not designed to handle that much water

at one time. Mr. Robbins stated the does not think the Town has any responsibility in this situation, but would like Mr. Baldwin to stay after the meeting to get more information.

Paul Bobish stated he had a water leak he was unaware of and it caused a \$2000.00 bill. He is asking for credit. Mr. Giger stated he can be charged for the cost of the water and the regular bill.

- Councilor Giger made a motion to charge \$3.00 per thousand gallon plus the regular bill and credit back the rest to Mr. Bobish. President Henson seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Lisa Vest spoke and said she has been a reserve office with the Town for seventeen years and really appreciates everything Marshal Southers does for his reserves and the Town.

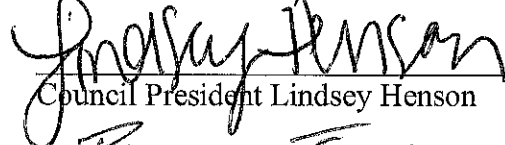
With no further business before the Prince's Lakes Town Council, Council President Henson motioned to adjourn at 7:46 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Erica Lyden-Giger, IAMCA
Clerk-Treasurer

Council:



Council President Lindsey Henson



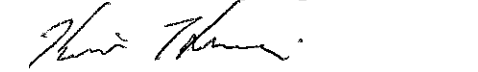
Council Vice President Bryan Tearman



Councilor Charlie Bourne



Councilor Anthony Giger



Councilor Kevin Harrison