

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Township Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Minutes

The September monthly meeting of the Princeton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Gene Stoeckel at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors attended the meeting in person at the Township Hall. The meeting was open to in-person attendance.

Supervisors present: Mike Bishman, Gene Stoeckel, Bill Whitcomb, Thomas Duden, Dan Hiller

Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Tandra Langfeld, Ken Henchen

Public attendees: Nicole Collodoro, Peder Trelstadt, Joel Minks, Ken Murray

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the Agenda

Mr. Stoeckel added to the Clerk/Treasurer report, 4th bullet point, to hold the Board of Audit at the next Town Board meeting. Mr. Hiller added discussions on the Pontious property annexation to old business.

Approve Agenda Mr. Hiller motioned to approve the agenda with the two additions. Seconded by Mr. Duden. Motion carried

Open Forum Resident Nicole Collodoro was looking for clarification on who she should present her request for amending the rooster ordinance. Mr. Stoeckel stated that she should write up what changes she would like to see and give that to the clerk by October 7th to be put on the Agenda for the October 15th Town Board meeting. The Town Board would then decide whether to send it to the Planning Commission to amend the current ordinance. Mr. Stoeckel also stated that there would be a \$250.00 Fee to Request an Ordinance Amendment. Ms. Collodora would like to see the minutes put up on the website. She would also like more copies of the agenda printed for meetings.

Building Tour and Inspection: Discussion after Tour and Inspection involved fixing the east side of the building and repairing the parking lot.

Approve Minutes of August 20th monthly meeting

Mr. Duden moved to approve the minutes of the August 20th monthly meeting. Second, by Mr. Whitcomb. Motion carried. Mr. Hiller abstained as he was not present at the August meeting. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Cash Control Statement—August 31, 2024

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 79,987.30
Receipts	\$ 1,707.04

Disbursements	\$ 16,356.00
Ending Balance	\$ 65,222.34
Road & Bridge Fund Beginning Balance	\$ (14,639.59)
Receipts	\$ 0.00
Disbursements	\$ 23,373.63
Ending Balance	\$ (38,013.22)
Total Cash Beginning Balance	\$ 146,773.69
Receipts	\$ 1,707.04
Disbursements	\$ 43,342.13
Ending Balance	\$ 105,138.60
August Payroll Net	\$ 4,876.03
August Total Claims	\$ 44,897.36

Mr. Hiller moved to approve the August Payroll, Cash Control Statement and Claims. Mr. Bishman seconded. Motion carried.

Notes:

- Audit is finished. Discussion about holding the Board of Audit at October's meeting.

Mr. Hiller moved to accept the clerk/treasurer report in its entirety. Second, by Mr. Bishman. Motion carried.

Mr. Hiller motioned to have the Board of Audit in the October 15 meeting. Second, by Mr. Whitcomb. Motion carried

New Business

Town Law Center Letter to Wyanett:

Discussion about Town attorneys' letter to Wyanett about mediation. Mr. Whitcomb asked who else from the Board would like to attend that mediation. Mr. Hiller said he would, depending upon the dates. It was decided Mr. Whitcomb and Mr. Hiller would attend with Mr. Stoeckel being an alternate if one of those two could not.

Loucks two-year warranty on 2022 Crack and Chip Seal improvements:

Mr. Bishman moved to accept the road and remove any bonds and securities held by the Township. Seconded by Mr. Duden. Motion carried.

Nate Cook request for Temporary Certificate of Occupancy: Mr. Stoeckel moved to extend the Temporary Certificate of Occupancy by 120 days, if the building is disabled within 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Bishman. Motion carried.

Old Business

Pontious Property discussion on access to Pontious property on 17th. Mr. Hiller questioned why they could not access the county road. Mr. Stoeckel and Mr. Whitcomb were going to see if they could come up with something before next month's meeting.

Mr. Stoeckel asked if the Township should engage Tony Trunk to repair the east side of the building. Mr. Duden motioned to have Tony Trunk repair the east side of the building as needed as soon as possible. Seconded by Mr. Hiller. Motion carried.

There was discussion of repairing the parking lot next spring.

Zoning: Nothing to report.

Supervisor Reports

Road report—

The second mowing was done last week. Brush removal is ongoing in-house. Thomas Lundeen has a few areas to get to before winter. New work to be done next year there are a lot of culvert replacements and corrections. Mr. Whitcomb was hoping to get Steve Hass to repair the one on 55th, a little section off county road 137. Hopefully he can get to that this year it is not in terrible shape.

There was discussion about the sprinklers in the right of way in front of Jackie Alderman's property. Mr. Whitcomb was going to let Loucks know that the Township was not liable for moving the sprinklers out of the right of way.

There was discussion about the Ford pick up again. Mr. Hiller was going to Check with Hansons Auction. Discussion about the signs and posts. Possibly look at the township insider to sell them.

Fire Board— Mr. Hiller reported the City still did not have any of the sample contracts put together. The truck committee did request the city to place an order on a new custom fire truck. It would be approximately \$800,000 and have a two-year build date.

Airport Commission Liaison— Mr. Stoeckel reported they had their annual joint conference with FAA and MNDOT Avionics, and our airport engineers. Mr. Stoeckel reported there was discussion about Pontious property and the proposed development.

City Planning Commission Liaison—Mr. Stoeckel reported the Palmer bus garage will be going in next to Glenn Metalcraft. The planning commission is revising their rules and Mr. Stoeckel will no longer be a liaison on the City planning commission.

Township Planning Commission Liaison—Mike Bishman – There was no meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Bishman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Whitcomb seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tandra Langfeld

Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Town Board August 20, 2024

Eugene Stoeckel, Chairman