

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Township Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

Minutes

The July monthly meeting of the Princeton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Gene Stoeckel at 7:05 p.m. Supervisors attended the meeting in person at Township Hall. The meeting was open to in-person attendance.

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

Supervisors absent: Dan Hiller

Staff present: Clerk-Treasurer Tandra Langfeld

Public attendees: Ken Henchen, Kathy Stoeckel, Rock and Tari Zortman, Wayne Pike, Nicole Collodoro, Katie Tolstedt

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the Agenda

Reger Acres Escrow and LOC added under old business. Mr. Whitcomb moved to add Reger Acres to Old business. Seconded by Mr. Duden. Motion Carried

Approve Agenda The Board approved the agenda. Mr. Whitcomb motioned to approve the agenda with that addition. Seconded by Mr. Bishman. Motion Carried.

Open Forum Resident Nicole Collodoro spoke to the change in the ordinance last year That prohibited roosters in RR zone. She reported that she had moved to where she did to be able to keep a flock and homestead.

Ms. Collodoro also spoke about being able to get more consistent and timely information of the Agenda and Minutes off of the Township website. She recognized that the Township was doing what was required but she would like to be able to access it online. She would also like to see the meetings recorded and posted online again like they were in the past with the Covid restrictions.

Resident Tari Zortman spoke to also wanting to have the Agenda and Minutes posted online. She reported she did not read the paper.

Resident Katie Tolstedt spoke to the ordinance saying there is no explanation as to why you cannot have roosters. She reported that she lives on over 2 acres in a Rural Residential area and cannot have roosters it did not make sense to her. She also asked that the ordinance be revisited.

Resident Thomas Duden reported that due to a wet spring this year there are a lot of acres that are going to be filed as preventative plant. He wanted to know if there was anything the Board could do to enforce or suggest the acres not planted be sprayed or tilled. Mr. Duden reported he lost 40 acres this year due to invasive weeds coming into his hay fields.

Resident Wayne Pike inquired if he could build an agricultural building on a parcel he owns.

Approve Meeting Minutes

June 18th Monthly Meeting: Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve the minutes of the June 18th monthly meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bishman. Motion carried. Mr. Duden abstained as he was not present at the June meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Cash Control Statement—June 30, 2024

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 62,463.09
Receipts	\$ 40,767.52
Disbursements	\$ 5,657.02
Ending Balance	\$ 97,573.59
Road & Bridge Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 102,151.24
Receipts	\$ 214,086.52
Disbursements	\$ 404.03
Ending Balance	\$ 315,833.73
Total Cash Beginning Balance	\$ 259,121.63
Receipts	\$ 287,963.10
Disbursements	\$ 6061.05
Ending Balance	\$ 541,023.68
June Payroll	\$ 4,904.97
June Total Claims	\$ 366,588.60

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

Notes:

- **Notable receipt:**
The June Tax Settlement from Mille Lacs County.
- **Notable Disbursements on Disbursements Register:** Final Payments were made to Minnesota Paving & Materials for the 40th Street, 50th Street and 54 Avenue projects. Totaling \$254,027.20

Ms. Langfeld reported we have not heard anything else on the Audit. We may have to ask for another extension,

Old Business Reger Acres Escrow and LOC

Mr. Whitcomb motioned to release the Letter of Credit for Reger Acres. Seconded by Mr. Bishman.

New Business Request for Qualifications for Attorney Services. Mr. Whitcomb moved to request for Qualifications from attorneys, Seconded by Mr. Bishman. Motion carried

Zoning

- Second Reading of Ordinance 2024-2.
- Approve Ordinance 2024-2
- Approve Resolution 2024-10, the summary Resolution for publication.

Mr. Whitcomb motioned to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2024-2. And approve Resolution 2024-10, the Summary Resolution for publication. Seconded by Mr. Duden. Roll Call all Yes, motion carried. Approved by a 4 to 0 vote.

Supervisor Reports

Fire Board— Update letter from Dan Hiller. The City of Princeton hired Steve Zumberge to the Fire Chief position. His official start date will be July 22nd. Administrator McPhearson has not received an invoice from the Township for storage rental for grass rig 3 yet. McPhearson stated she would like to see the truck stay in our building for the next year with the road work that will be happening on HWY 169. The 2024 fire coverage bill came to a total of \$55,680, with the \$9,850 credit for overbilling in 2022.

Airport Commission Liaison—Mr. Stoeckel reported the airport is looking to add a new fuel system to the airport.

City Planning Commission Liaison—Mr. Stoeckel reported the City of Princeton Approved a plan for automobile bays. Just west of the dental office. The Annexation of the Pontious was approved at the last City Council meeting on June 27th.

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

Road report—Bill Whitcomb reported last month that all the graveling was completed and that is not the case. One has to do with 55th. It didn't get completed because there is a culvert that needs to be replaced there and one other that needs to get a little bit of gravel. The first dust control application has been completed. The first mowing has also been completed. The chip sealing is supposed to be completed here later in August. Mr. Whitcomb reported last month that it was completed but he meant that the crack sealing was completed. Larry Doose was requesting to use the road right off Conty Rd 3. He will be utilizing the property just west of the airport, Mr. Whitcomb is waiting on a letter from him. Mr. Whitcomb reported some damage to 6th Street from a sewer contractor he spoke with him and the contractor will be fixing it himself. There was more discussion about the Wynette road agreement. If we cannot work anything out with Wynette which it does not sound like we can. Mille Lacs County said take it to mediation. The Township attorney said if we cannot work it out with Wynette, the Board should formally vote to reject the proposal from the County and proceed to mediation.

Mr. Duden motioned to formally reject the proposal from the Isanti County, Mille Lacs County and Wynette Township and proceed with mediation with Wynette Township. Seconded by Mr. Bishman. Motion carried 4-0 Vote.

Adjourn

Mr. Bishman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Whitcomb seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tandra Langfeld
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Town Board August 20, 2024

Eugene Stoeckel, Chairman