

**Princeton Township
Mille Lacs County, Minnesota**

Township Board Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Minutes

The July 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 Township Hall. The meeting was open to in-person attendance, plus remote participation via GoToMeeting.

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

Supervisors absent: Thomas Duden

Staff present: Ken Hennen, Clerk-Treasurer Terry L. Pflieger, Zoning Administrator Scott Richards

Public attendees: Andy Beckstrom, Joss Jondahl, David Kornell, Nancy Moan, Jean Stearns, Craig Wensmann. There were two anonymous online attendees.

All attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda The Board approved the agenda.

Open Forum No one spoke during Open forum

Andy Beckstrom

Andy Beckstrom, Mille Lacs County Emergency Management Director, gave a brief update on the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and answered questions on how it could affect Princeton Township. The County is updating this plan, and is looking for public input.

Approve Meeting Minutes

June 20 Monthly Meeting: Mr. Hiller moved to approve the minutes of the June 20th monthly meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bishman. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report

Cash Control Statement—June 30, 2023

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 82,731.25
Receipts	\$ 66,100.44
Disbursements	\$ 13,693.58
Ending Balance	\$ 135,138.11
Road & Bridge Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 262,464.82
Receipts	\$ 192,731.26
Disbursements	\$ 80,399.02
Ending Balance	\$ 374,797.06
ARPA Fund	\$ 124,159.69
Total Cash Beginning Balance	\$ 551,760.51
Receipts	\$ 258,831.70

Disbursements	\$ 98,222.60
Ending Balance	\$ 712,369.61

Mr. Hiller moved to approve the Cash Control Statement. Seconded by Mr. Bishman. Motion carried.

June Payroll

Gross	\$ 4,358.50
Net	\$ 3,657.03

Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve the June Payroll. Mr. Hiller seconded. Motion carried.

Claims List for approval: Two lists, one that should have been included in last month's report. Mr. Bishman moved to approve the Claims Lists for approval. Mr. Hiller seconded. Motion carried.

Notes:

➤ **Notable receipt:**

The June Tax Settlement from Mille Lacs County was for \$254,711.90. 75% of it went into the Roads Account.

➤ **Notable Disbursements on Disbursements Register:**

➤ Allied Blacktop: \$25,499.17 & \$7,315.00

➤ Hass Construction: \$44,473.25

Zoning Report

- **100th Avenue Storage Buildings** – Because of Mr. Duden's absence Mr. Stoeckel suggested a full board should vote on the 100th Avenue Storage Buildings and 3976 Brickton Rezoning. He moved to push the decision to the August 15th meeting. Mr. Hiller seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **3976 Brickton Road** – Because of Mr. Duden's absence Mr. Stoeckel suggested a full board should vote on the 100th Avenue Storage Buildings and 3976 Brickton Rezoning. He moved to push the decision to the August 15th meeting. Mr. Hiller seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- **Chickens** –Mr. Whitcomb moved to waive the second reading and approve Ordinance 2023-2 amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as it related to the keeping of chickens and to approve Resolution No. 2023-14 Summary Language for the Publication of Ordinance 2023-2. Mr. Hiller seconded. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 2023-2 is adopted. Resolution No. 2023-14 is adopted.

Old Business There was no old business to discuss this month.

New Business

- The two-year warranty on the 2021 Crack and Chip Seal Improvements project expires on July 12, 2023. A letter from Todd McLouth recommended the Township accept the road and release any bonds and securities held by the Township. Mr. Whitcomb moved to do so. Mr. Bishman seconded. Motion carried.

Supervisor Reports

Fire Board—Dan Hiller

- Mr. Hiller stated that Engine 2 sustained \$168,000 in damages from a recent accident. Blue Hill is no longer contracting with the City of Princeton for fire services, and the Fire Board verbally confirmed that the City will absorb the cost of their loss, and not pass it on to the other townships in the contract. The next Fire Board meeting is September 5th.

Airport Commission Liaison—Gene Stoeckel

- The Airport Commission held a joint meeting with the City Council to strategize on long-term planning.

City Planning Commission Liaison—Gene Stoeckel

- Discussed an auxiliary building to the Oaks Apartments.

Township Planning Commission Liaison—Mike Bishman

- Mr. Bishman stated that Mr. Richards already discussed most of it.

Road report—Bill Whitcomb

- 54th Ave construction is complete.
- 40th St. construction is 80% complete.
- Fog seal will be applied to 82nd Ave & 33rd St. in August (after the slope flattening is complete).
- We have extra grading material that will be applied to 45th St.
- Several roads were graded after the rain last week.
- Brush removal planned for Saturday July 22nd.
- Wyanett asked Princeton Township to amend our proposal to them on the Shared Road Agreement. The board decided to stay with their original proposal.

Brush Removal—Mike Bishman on behalf of Mr. Duden

- The tractor is not yet ready to leave the shop for “testing”-it keeps throwing ghost codes.
- Wild Parsnip was found on County Road 13 between Jim Orton’s and Virgil Schmatz’ properties. The county has been notified.
- We plan to brush cut shrubs on the east side of 80th Ave.

Adjourn

Mr. Bishman moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hiller seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clerk-Treasurer



Approved by the Town Board August 15, 2023



Eugene Stoeckel, Chairman

