

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, August 19, 2025
Minutes

This meeting will be conducted in person at the Town Hall or electronically. Members of the public may attend in person.

7:00 p.m

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda

Supervisor Stoeckel would like to add discussion for the CD that is currently with Bremer Bank. Additionally, the permit for the Car Show takes place at the Long Side Station in September. Supervisor Hiller motions to approve the agenda with additions, Supervisor Whitcomb seconds the motion.

- Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5- 0)

Open Forum

- Curtis Strombeck: He wanted to let the Board know he had spoken with the current owners of the Abney Recycling property. They are not aware of the current property that the Township is rezoning. They had asked for 3 houses on their current property and were denied. He would like to know why the Township would deny them but approve a builder who lives out of state. He would like to see the Township Board represent the people more than developer.
- Joseph: He would like to know when the ditch will be getting cleaned up. He stated that this project has been going on for 3 years, and he would like an update.
 - Supervisor Whitcomb explained that they are waiting for the contractor and that they will be looking to do the work in the summer months.
- Brett Cloutier: He is a current teacher in the Princeton Schools. He is a father of a young family and would like to move his family into the Township. He would love to raise his kids in the community. He would like a 1.5-acre lot as it is not too much keep up with, yet it is enough to have their privacy.
- Eric Jacobs: He is in favor of this because he also has a growing family, and he would like to have a home in the Township. He explained that this lot size is perfect for his family.
- Tom: He is not happy that the developer sent out unsigned letters with unclear information. He reminded the Board that the developer is not from Princeton, let alone MN. He doesn't think families will like when Moonshine Bar has events in the backyards.
- Mellissa Griswold: She reminded the Board that she is on a smaller lot and after 3 years has outgrown it. She would also like Board to approve her Variance for her property.
- Matt Akerson: He wanted to share the county road and other roads in this area are not ready for more traffic. He stated that this will start with 60 new homes, but over time it will be 80 to 90. He feels 1.5 acre lots are a great starting point for some, but in that same breath many families do outgrow smaller lots and will want to have larger lots later in time. He would not like the City of Princeton any closer to the Township.
- Natalie McConnell: She is excited to hear about the chance to build in the Township. She feels that this is going to help the community grow, allowing families to stay in the area.
- Kristie Bernard: She would like the Board to look at this as an opportunity. She is a real estate agent and knows that there are people who would like homes in the area. She also believes that this area is perfect for development because the land does not yield enough crop growth and there is small mount of area that is tillable without cutting trees down.
- Dave Persing: He is looking to build a greenhouse on his property and has reached out to the building officials and has not heard anything. He has been waiting about 2 weeks for a reply and has not gotten one yet.
 - Scott agreed with Mr. Persing that he meets the requirements for the greenhouse,

but he would also like to have the building inspectors look at the plans before going forward. Scott will reach out for an update.

Open Forum Closed at 7:25

Approve Minutes-July 17, 31 Meeting

July 17, 2025

Supervisor Hiller requests minutes from July 17th be revised.

- Supervisor Hiller motions to table the minutes until the next meeting: Supervisor Whitcomb seconds
- Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)

July 22, 2025

Special Meeting Tuesday July 22nd – Add the following to the Clerk/Treasurer compensation: 1 hour paid vacation for every 40 hours worked, paid holidays

Supervisor Whitcomb motions to approve minutes with correction; Supervisor Hiller seconds
Bishman- Aye Duden- Aye Hiller- Aye Stoeckel- Aye Whitcomb- Aye (Passed 5 to 0)

July 31, 2025

Date needs to be corrected

Supervisor Duden motions to approve minutes with date change; Supervisor Whitcomb seconds

- Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Abstain Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 4-0))

Clerk-Treasurer Report

- 08.31.2025 cash control statement, shows \$496,510.73 with reconciliation still underway
- Supervisor Duden motions to approve the August cash control statement, Supervisor Hiller seconds
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)
- July payroll, gross pay report of \$3,279
- Supervisor Duden motions to approve gross pay report, Supervisor Whitcomb seconds
 - Bishman-Aye Duden Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)
- Claims for approval of \$8,128.76
- Outstanding bills
 - Supervisor Hiller informed the board that Dan Erickson had reached out to him about payment for his bill. Clarification of Ken's receipts for rental and maintenance was discussed and agreed upon.
- Supervisor Hiller motioned to approve the claims list, Supervisor Whitcomb seconds
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)

New Business

- Review Meeting Notes with Supervisor Gene and Tammy – August 7, 2025
 - Supervisor Stoeckel mentioned office work is getting caught up and hopes that it will be an easy transition.
 - Supervisor Hiller mentioned that he uses QuickBooks with his business.
- CTAS Training – Tammy and Kim August 27, 2025
 - Training for the Clerk and the Deputy, who would train with MAT for \$140.
 - Supervisor Stoeckel motions to approve training; Supervisor Whitcomb seconds
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)
 - Loucks 2023 Chip Seal Improvements Two Year Warranty Expires on September 19, 2025 – Township accepts the road and release any bonds and securities held by the Township
 - Supervisor Whitcomb made motion to accept the road release and any bonds held by the Township; Supervisor Hiller seconds
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)

Old Business

- Baldwin City Road Agreement

- Looking to redo the Road agreement as the City of Baldwin would like to annex 66ft X 200ft of the road. The Board will move this to next month so that they can work out this detail with the City of Baldwin
 - Supervisor Duden motions to move this to September meeting; Hiller seconds
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb- Aye (Pass 5- 0)
- Soil Solutions Road agreement
 - This is already in place.
- Wyanett township Road agreement
 - Supervisor Whitcomb gives report, we have a signed copy from them. Ken from Wyanett Township spoke that they have approved this and look forward to working with Princeton Township.
 - Supervisor Whitcomb said it was great to work with Wyanett Township.
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)

Zoning

- Super Majority Votes – Ordinance Second Reading
 - Supervisor Whitcomb makes motion to approve Supervisor Duden Second Motions 2025 -2 & 2025-11
 - Bishman- Nay Duden- Aye Hiller- Aye Stoeckel- Aye Whitcomb- Aye (Pass 4-1)
- 6538 Alpha Road – Griswold Front Yard/Site Yard Variance
 - Supervisor Duden moves motion to deny request; Supervisor Hiller second 2025-10 resolution
 - Bishman- Aye Duden- Aye Hiller- Aye Stoeckel- Aye Whitcomb- Aye (Pass 5-0)
- Section 27 – Land Use and Zoning Amendment – Ordinance Second Reading and Resolution to Change Land Use
 - Supervisor Hiller motions to approve Ordinance 2025-3 & 2025-12
Supervisor Duden seconds the motion.
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel Aye Whitcomb Aye (Pass 5-0)
 - Supervisor Stoeckel makes a motion, which Supervisor Whitcomb seconds to record the ordinances in the Union Times.
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)
 - Whitcomb wanted to be clear what the about the lot sizes.
- 5742 Aspen Road – Reynolds Judgement – Zoning Enforcement
 - Moving forward with the ordinance violations, Scott talked about next steps.
 - Supervisor Whitcomb motions to approve, Supervisor Hiller motions to second
 - Bishman- Aye Duden- Aye Hiller- Aye Stoeckel- Aye Whitcomb- Aye (Pass 5 0)
 - A bill from The Planning Company for May 2025 is outstanding for \$5,050.
Supervisor Whitcomb moves to pay bill, Supervisor Hiller second
Bishman- Aye Duden- Aye Hiller- Aye Stoeckel- Aye Whitcomb- Aye (Passed 5 to 0)
- Long Siding Station Sept 13th looking to do their annual Car Show.
Supervisor Hiller motions to approve the event permit, Supervisor Duden Second motion
 - Bishman-Aye Duden-Aye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5 to 0)
- The CD with the Bremer Bank has matured: the principal of \$100,000 will be re-invested with the interest cashed out to the Roads and Bridges Fund.
- Supervisor Duden motions to renew the \$100,000 for 5 months and put the interest in the Roads and Bridges Fund. Supervisor Hiller seconds motion
- Bishman- Aye Duden- Aye Hiller- Aye Stoeckel- Aye Whitcomb- Aye (Passed 5 to 0)

Supervisor Reports

- Roads
 - Continuing work for 2025
 - 50th Ave Reconstruction for 2026, looking to reach out to Wyanett

- Fire Board Liaison
 - Going to have 4 extra gear lockers in the garage here.
- Planning Commission Liaison
 - Township Legal Sem going on September 13th
 - The Township is eligible to collect a portion of the traffic tickets, research
 - Adobe Pro will be purchased and begin using as soon as possible
 - Claim forms available on the website

Adjourn 8:34pm BishmanAye DudenAye Hiller-Aye Stoeckel-Aye Whitcomb-Aye (Pass 5-0)