

Princeton Township Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026

Opening and Agenda

Meeting called to order at 7 pm; Pledge of Allegiance; and agenda reviewed and approved without changes.

Public Comment and Community Input

Joel Minks (6166 18th Avenue) raised the idea of a "no weapons" sign at the government building but cited MN Statute 609.66, which prohibits such signage on non-judicial government buildings.

Steve Long (Apple Tree Drive) commented on development planning, road upgrades, drainage concerns, playgrounds, and advocated for developers to cover road improvement costs with new developments, referencing past experience as mayor.

Concerns discussed regarding housing developments, need for comprehensive and zoning plans, road durability/upgrades, drainage, playgrounds, and effective cost-sharing with developers.

Suggestions included buffer zones in developments, attention to water runoff and ponding, and leveraging developer contributions for infrastructure.

Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports

Minutes from December 16th approved as written. Motion by Supervisor Whitcomb, Second by Supervisor Hiller, Carried 3-0

Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2025, presented showing:

December 2025 Cash Control (Fund Balance) General Fund: \$35,097.54; Roads & Bridges: \$448,602.74; Park Dedication: \$62,997.04; Fire Services: \$27,472.29; Total Funds: \$574,169.61

December 2025 Accounts and Escrows Receivable: Code Enforcement \$4,304.78; Escrows Receivable \$11,162.99, Road Share \$16,958.40; Total \$32,426.17

January 20, 2026 Gross Pay: \$7,623.50; January Claims for Approval: General \$34,365.89; Roads & Bridges \$33,512.80; Total \$67,878.69.

Discussion noted the general fund's tight cash flow, with incoming account receivables expected to help.

Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented: Motion by Supervisor Whitcomb, Second by Supervisor Hiller, Carried 3-0

Old Business

Reviewed bids for new flooring: Maahs (\$19,130.13) and Corrows (\$13,268.59); Tabled to February to get Dave Cook to quote; Motion by Supervisor Hiller, Second by Stoeckel, Carried 3-0

Audit report for 2024 reviewed and accepted. Recommendations: improve internal controls (multi-user ledger), timely bank reconciliations, and compliance with contract bid law. Approve as submitted. Motion by Supervisor Hiller, Second by Supervisor Stoeckel, Carried 3-0

2025 preliminary financials shared: Combined general and fire: \$62,569.83; Roads: \$448,602.74; Parks: \$62,997.04; Accounts/escrows receivable: \$32,426.17; Total cash assets: \$609,775.39. Discussed minor deficit in general/fire/escrows (\$12,095.04) For information only, no motion made

2026 Fee Schedule was reviewed, with concerns about adequacy of application and escrow fees for zoning, CUP, IUP, and variances due to high administrative and consultant costs.

- Rezoning: \$500 fee, \$4,000 escrow
- Variance: \$500 fee, \$2,000 escrow
- Conditional use permit: \$250 fee, \$2,000 escrow

2026 Fee Schedule was approved, with above adjustments. Motion by Supervisor Stoeckel, Second by Supervisor Hiller, Carried 3-0

Employee reviews conducted for Tammy and Ken; both positive.

Increase Tammy's pay from \$25 to \$27 per hour starting January 1st passed. Motion by Supervisor Whitcomb, Second by Supervisor Hiller, Carried 3-0

Paid Leave costs were reviewed, with Tammy's share to be paid by Township. Motion by Supervisor Whitcomb, Second by Supervisor Hiller, Carried 3-0

Ken discussed license and duties, as well as process improvements for proactive township maintenance (e.g., sign repairs, ditch cleanups).

New Business

Certificate of Deposit to be renewed at Old National Bank – 5 months at 3.75% interest, with the accumulated interest to be put into the Roads & Bridges fund and renew the original principal of \$100,000. Motion by Supervisor Stoeckel, Second by Supervisor Whitcomb, Carried 3-0

Memo for 2026 Election Judges was reviewed. Supervisor Stoeckel has offered to help. The document was approved without issue. Motion by Supervisor Whitcomb, Second by Supervisor Hiller, Carried 2-0 (Supervisor Stoeckel recused)

AWAIR was reviewed. Supervisor Stoeckel and Ken Henchen have updated the document, which was approved. Motion by Supervisor Hiller, Second by Supervisor Whitcomb, Carried 3-0

Zoning Project

Serenity Meadows senior housing (Section 6) final plat, development, and stormwater agreements reviewed and approved, pending final adjustments on berm and financials. The final plat was accepted. Motion by Supervisor Hiller, Second by Supervisor Whitcomb, Carried 3-0

Roads

Reported progress on infrastructure projects, including 50th with requests for bids pending.

Fire

Reported that a vehicle was parked in the access for the truck at the Township Hall, which cannot be. A notice will be sent as a reminder.

Adjourn

The meeting closed at 8:36 pm. Motion by Supervisor Whitcomb, Second by Supervisor Hiller, Carried 3-0