

PRINCETON TOWNSHIP MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Minutes

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

Present Eugene Stoeckel, Bill Whitcomb, Dan Hiller, Thomas Duden

Absent: Mike Bishman

7:00 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Agenda:

Supervisor Hiller motions to approve agenda, Supervisor Whitcomb seconds

Passed (4-0)

(No changes to Agenda)

Open Forum:

Mike Glenn: He would like to find out how to get a variance for his current property. New Freedom, Inc.'s treatment center is on the north side of the City of Princeton. He is looking to build onto the south side of the property. He wants to build a new structure which would be in compliance with the State of Minnesota in-patient requirements. The new structure would be in the same right of way as the current. He currently owns houses on both sides of the road.

- *Supervisor Hiller stated he does not know the exact information the State is asking for but that Mr. Glenn would need to talk to Scott Richards about getting the variance. He needs to go through the steps and put the information from the State into the packet for Scott to consider.*

Gary Johnson: He bought his land in 2004, which is located in Princeton Township. It was purchased with plans to build once he retired, while now he has concerns that he will not be able to go forward. As he understands there can only be so many houses on every 40 acres. This spring someone has built a house near him, which would be the max amount for the area. The owner before him had 2 different land parcels, one was 19 acres and the other 8. He paid more for the 8 acres so that he would be able to build in the future. He is under the impression that the 19 acres was unbuildable because of the closing documents that he got during the purchase of his land.

Approve Minutes-July 15 and August 19 meeting

- July 15, attached
 - Supervisor Whitcomb would like to make known that on Page 2 under new business: He does not know what the City of Princeton's plan is with the Old Abney Recycling property. Supervisor Hiller motions, Supervisor Whitcomb Seconds
 - Passed (4 to 0)
- August 19, pending

Clerk-Treasurer Report

- August 2025 cash control statement, consolidate escrows
 - The General fund: \$53,449.92
 - Roads and Bridges: \$304,047.82
 - Park Fund: \$62,997.04
 - Escrow accounts: \$25,657.50
 - Fire Fund: \$20,205.49
 - Total: \$466,357.77
- May 2024 to July 2025 cash control statements (re-signing)
 - Supervisor Hiller wanted to know what the difference is between the current documents and the ones from the past. He would like to know if it was an accounting error.
 - Supervisor Stoeckel understands that it would be easier to re-sign all of them.
 - It was explained that the difference is bringing the bank reconciliations up to date, which is not an accounting error.
- August 2025 payroll, gross pay report, and net pay distribution
 - \$5,281.50
- August 2025 claims for approval
 - \$29,116.77
 - Supervisor Hiller motions to accept the Clerk/Treasurer report in full. Supervisor Duden seconds
 - Passed (4 to 0)

New Business

- Princeton School Superintendent Patrick Devine
 - Presented School Referendum slides for the current vote that will be on Nov. 4, 2025
 - He explained where the main changes will be, how it will affect the community and also allowed citizens to ask questions.
- Website upgrade
 - We need to update the website and the email.
 - Supervisor Stoeckel brought up getting everyone a laptop
- Township levy certification 2026
 - Revenue \$75,000; Road & Bridge \$535,000; Fire \$58,000 Total \$668,000 – Submitted to the County.
- 2024 Audit with Burkhardt & Burkhardt underway

Old Business

- Office of State Auditor authorization updated
- Payroll quarter reports for 03.31.2025 and 06.30.2025 filed
- 2024 municipal fee and expense report filed before the final due date for penalty
- MNREV 2024 W2 filing completed, MNREV sales tax filing completed
- MNREV quarter reports for 03.31.2025 and 06.30.2025 filed
- Old National Bank Credit \$350,000 signed (This was Bremer Bank)
- PERA monthly for 2025, filed and paid

Zoning

- Serenity Meadows – Planning Commission asked for additional information on 09.08.2025
- 5742 Aspen Road – Nuisance Violation

Supervisor Reports

- Roads
 - The grading and gravel on the roads have been completed for this last month.
 - City of Baldwin will be working on the road agreement, which will be a shared portion.
 - 50th Avenue Engineering Proposal; 25-30% of the project cost to be paid back in 2027. Certificate of indebtedness was discussed.
 - Review and discussion on the Hass Construction snow quote
 - Supervisor Hiller talked with Erickson Asphalt about canceling the contract. Erickson Asphalt told Supervisor Hiller that they would like to know right away because they need to change their plans for coverage if the Township does cancel the contract.
 - Supervisor Hiller motions to award Hass Construction the snow contract at \$5,000 a month
Supervisor Whitcomb seconds Passed (4-0)
 - Braun Intertec – Proposal for Geotechnical Evaluation 50th Avenue Improvements
 - Kjolhaug Environmental Services – Proposal for wetland delineation 50th Avenue
 - Supervisor Duden motions to award Borgart Pederson for the wetland delineation services for the 50th Avenue project. Supervisor Whitcomb seconds Passes (4-0)
 - Supervisor Whitcomb motions to award Independent Testing Technologies for Geotechnical Services
Supervisor Hiller seconds Passes (4-0)
 - Supervisor Whitcomb motions to approve Loucks for the 50th Avenue Road Improvements – Section 24, 25, 36 Supervisor Hillers seconds (Passes 4-0)
- Fire Board Liaison
 - Fire contract is before the Board and has been reviewed by Jason Hill.
 - This will be a 5-year contract, which is good for the Township.
 - Supervisor Hiller motions to approve the contract for 2025 to 2030 Supervisor Whitcomb seconds Passes (4-0)
- Planning Commission Liaison
 - They want more information about the Serenity Meadows before they make a final decision.
- Supervisor Hiller motions to adjourn, Supervisor Whitcomb seconds the motion Passes 4 to 0
- Adjourn 8:38pm