

TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE
Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2023, 7:00:PM
201 S Main St. Princeville, NC 27886

Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Jones, Commissioner Joe Roam Myrick Commissioner, Milton Bullock (Absent), Commissioner Linda Joyner (Virtual)

Staff: Town Manager Glenda Knight, Town Clerk Antionette Wheeler, Attorney Edwards

Call to Order and Roll Call (Mute phones please. Presider, please state the date for recording purposes) Mayor Jones

II. Invocation - Mayor Pro Tem Alvin Jones

I. Pledge of Allegiance N/A

VI. Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes. Read by Clerk)

1). Delia Perkins- 123 Neville Street. I am told that you have changed the criteria for the housing repairs. I want to know if you would consider opening housing repair back open so that other citizens can get on the list. I would like a copy of the 2019 audit report. The audit report has already been seen by the board, and its public knowledge. Guys have started back hanging on the corner again. The houses in the area are spaced out. It is not good for the senior citizens or the children in the neighborhood, we really could use some help with this.

2). Johnnie Williams-121 Webb Street. We are having a lot of problems with lift stations in Southern Terrance. Otis and Newton Street was backed up on Sunday. the sewer back up. I called the Sheriff's department on yesterday to address sewage coming out of manholes. The lift stations bypass on Newton and Clayton are backed up and. takes serval hours to get it going. I went to the County and spoke with to Paul Mosely, and he mentioned to me that he does not know why Princeville did not use money to fix problems. There is a problem with beavers, and something needs to be done.

5) Announcements

A. In the event of an emergency, please use any exit that is the safest.

B. Bingo Fever Every last Tuesday of each month from 5-7pm at the Senior Center.

C. Carolina Family Center is offering weekly recovery meetings from four-dimensional health home, purpose, and community from 6pm-8pm at the Senior Center.

D. Senior Center 1 year anniversary celebration on May 30,2023 from 11am -3pm.

E. 8th Annual Youth Incarceration Prevention Ministry June 3, 2023, Greenville Town

Common.

6) Adjustment to Agenda

Add F under Town Manager report town hall stanza. Mayor Pro Tem Jones motioned to approve the change and Commissioner Myrick seconded. Vote carried 3-0.

Add under New business Mayor Pro Tem Jones asked for home repair to re-open under 13- A Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the change and Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded. Vote carried 3-0.

7) Approval of the Agenda (Recommendation: Approval) Mayor Pro Tem motioned to approve the necessary changes and Commissioner Myrick Seconded. Vote carried 3-0.

A. Consent Agenda Mayor Pro Tem motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Myrick seconded. Vote carried 3-0

B. April Regular minutes (Recommendation: Approval) Mayor Pro Tem motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Myrick seconded. Vote carried 3-0

C. Special Call minutes (Recommendation: Approval) Mayor Pro Tem motioned to approve and Commissioner Myrick seconded. Vote carried 3-0

8) Presentation

A. CTNC (Mary Alice Holly) Princeville Youth Conservation Corps this will be third year at Princeville. So glad to be joining the program. Jessie Youth is the coordinator. We had various projects last year like installing garden beds and creating Heritage Park trail. Looking at working this year at Shiloh Farms with trails and creating garden beds. Looking for the program to be 4 weeks from June 12- July 7, 2023. Monday through Friday for 7 hours a day. Would like to have six youth members at \$15.00 and two crew leaders supporting the program. We are still hiring. If you know anyone, please contact me. Looking to see what improvements we can make in the Princeville area. Mayor said thank you for what you are doing. Mayor Jones asked if the program could extend a little longer than 4 weeks. We will need to have a conversation with the participants and their families to see if it will be beneficial. Support from the town has been very beneficial.

B. Temboo/ UNC-G Will be providing several different soil moisture sensors that are battery operated the length of the project in various separate locations. The sensors collect soil moisture in various gardens every 15 minutes. The sensors will provide feedback on how many gallons of water are in each area. Collecting data as an educational resource and the impact of the data will be very resourceful.

C. Floodgates (Randy Howard) We have been working for a year with Army Corp pathway for all permits needed for flood gate project. We now have all permits for the repair of the levy. We have 4 sites that will repair water flood gates through levy. Site one is located on main street just before bridge by the railroad, Sites 2& 3 are close together on 258 and site 4 Ridgewood Road. We will take the project to bid tentatively on May 25, 2023. We will be doing advertisements in Greenville, Rocky Mount and Tarboro newspapers for 4 weeks. We will also advertise on several websites throughout North Carolina. Pre bid will be June 9, 2023 at 10:00am Town Hall for questions before bids. Bids will be due June 23, 2023 at 11:00am. Once all the information has been collected, we will be looking at bids and go from there.

9) Department Reports (See Attachments)

A. Finance Reports (check detail) Commissioner Myrick asked about the charge on deposit account for Otis Ave. Town manager responded that the charge is for was Sabrina Shaw the board approved for her to get connected to system that needed to be start process. Commissioner asked about the increase in the county water and sewer bill. The Town manger responded that one of the invoices from the county was going to physical address opposed to post office box. They had been sending bills to Physical opposed to sending them to Post Office Box. 1527 It was my understanding that they had turned the water off at public works. The town manager

responded that the water was turned off temporarily to repair the pipe. He then asked for \$375.00 from resolute it was a frozen pipe.

B. Debit Card expenses Commissioner Myrick also questioned the charge for \$115.69 for public works that was for a repair to the hand blower equipment responded Dr. Knight.

C. Public Works -Town manager explained that the drain on Snowden was very compacted and the pictures of before and after were in the packets. The county came out and completed the drain after public works. Attached to the picture of Snowden a particular storm drain had not been maintained. There was discussion with the county, and they came and assisted with fixing the problem.

D. Senior Center -No comment

E. Edgecombe County Sheriff Office- Town Manager shared with the Mayor information from the report.

F. Princeville Volunteer Fire Department The pressure in the hydrant in Forest Haven is working properly per the county.

G. School service (Education) heard back from principal Having incredibly positive results.

H. Carolina Family Health Centers, Inc./ Freedom Hill Community Health Center Numbers are up.

10) Town Manager Report

A. NCORR Came on May 3, 2023, 20 citizens showed up for the meeting and information was shared about elevation.

B. Senior Center Discussed with the board what would be needed to bring the kitchen facility into compliance with the NC 2017 Food code requirements as well as the Rules Governing the Protection and Sanitation of Food Establishment 15A NCAC 18A. 2600 set forth by the NC Department of Health of Human Services to feed on site. Still waiting to get inspection done on the elevator.

C. RFQ Housing Repair There are thirty-seven homes on the list for repair. All quotes must be submitted on or before May 22,2023.

D. Pioneer Court Mr. Telfer is still working on rehab of units and should have 8 completed soon..

E. RFQ Farmer's Market It had to be readvertised due to only receiving one bid deadline is for May 18, 2023.

F. Town Hall Stanza- NC State wanted to assess placing a stanza. We were trying to see what the best location would be for Stanza. The best location is the area to the right of the building, shown in pictures. No feedback.

11) Attorney Report (Executive Session)

12) Old Business

A. Princeville Youth Academy we are still taking applications. We have fifteen children and several college students to be advisors. Coordination with ECU and UNC-G will be occurring. Our goal is to start Princeville Academy in June. Dr. Mosley is looking to work with Tembo through the COPE program. Sensors will be installed on the project gateway to monitor environmental sensors soil is complementary to what Tembo is doing.

Commissioner Myrick indicated that he had received a telephone call regarding back up of on King Ave. Dr Knight indicated there is nothing we can do about that situation. That is not Princeville property. homeowners' will need to be called or if it's private property it is the homeowners' responsibility. There is also a lot of trash that needs to be taken care of and we have sent out a code violation to address the problem. Commissioner Myrick also asked how

soon we can get the 2019 audit information to Mrs. Perkins. Dr Knight said that the information was ready, and we have ten business days to respond. Commissioner Myrick inquired about training that the board is required to get. Dr. Knight stated that the training can be completed in person or virtually. Dr. Knight indicated that she had sent the board a link several months back. Commissioner Myrick indicated go ahead and sit his up virtual. The rest of the commissioners will review their schedule and give dates at a later time.

13) **New Business** Open the RFP for housing repairs with the stipulation no ETJ. Mayor Pro Tem suggested opening it back up for citizens that had missed the first round for assorted reasons. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve, and Mayor Pro Tem Jones seconded. Vote 3-0 With the stipulation with no EJG's. The RFP for housing will be open for one month.

14) **Board Comments** Mayor Jones discussed taking a bus trip to DC and Maryland to tour the wax museum and the Afro American Museum for ideas to use in the Princeville Museum. Mayor Jones indicated that he already scheduled the tour in Baltimore for July 15, 2023. We could do museum in DC on a Thursday and Friday since it takes two days to complete a tour. Going to DC on July 12, 2023 and looking at coming back Sunday. Think about it and let's get together to discuss it in the next couple of weeks. The Upper Coastal Plan of government they have environmental quality statewide flood blueprints that the state can recovery time. We have been in recovery for 7 years and it's time to get back home.

15) **Executive Session:** Mayor Pro Tem Jones motioned to go into Executive Session and Commissioner Myrick seconded. Vote carried 3-0.

Commissioner Myrick motioned to close Executive Session Mayor Pro Tem seconded. Vote carried 3-0

Commissioner Myrick asked that the Town Manger give an update on how much was collected on mobile home taxes at the next board meeting.

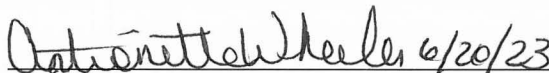
N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of the Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

N. C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) To discuss relating the location or expansion of industries agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment.

1) Economic Development 2) Personnel

16) **Adjournment** Mayor Pro Tem Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Myrick seconded. Vote carried 3-0.

 06/20/23
Bobbie Jones, Mayor Date

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Antionette Wheeler, Town Clerk Date