

Joint Meeting of the Boards
Thursday, July 15, 2021
Lillie M. Evans Library
207 N. Walnut Ave. Princeville, IL 615959
7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees, Village of Princeville
Board of Education, Princeville School District #326
Board of Trustees, Lillie M. Evans Library District

Jeff Troutman, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Princeville welcomed the Boards and started the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call of Boards:

Library Board Roll Call at 7:01 p.m.: Present were: Zach Waldis, Ellen Cluskey, Randy Ingle, Teresa Bouton, Diane Smith, Director Beth Duttlinger, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, and Deb Givens.

School Board Roll call at 7:02 p.m.: Present were, Superintendent Shannon Duling, Sue Hefler, Grant DeBord, Jeremy Duckworth, Erin Murphy, and Darwin Stahl.

Village Board Roll call at 7:03 p.m.: Julie Delbridge, Sarah Cordis, Ron Delbridge, Jeff Troutman, and Rick Pope

There was one Public attendee.

Library: Beth talked about our COVID disaster plan. Closed in March, full staff April 21st, and was then open to the Public on June 10th. The time she spends on COVID research is now greatly reduced but continues. The staff can spread out for distancing. Purchased portable HEPA air purifiers. There were different protocols for returning books with COVID -19, but found that the virus doesn't spread through surface transmissions. The library has had outdoor programming, movie nights, music in the square, winter walk, peony project, bike repair station, zoom programming, and restructured the summer reading program. The circulation is down but people are coming back. Have decreased hours, but hoping to resume more evening hours in the fall. eBooks and audio are used more, also the Journal Star. With the Community Connect Grant, Beth got some more hot spots for the school to use. Gardens are growing and full. Lego, Adult book club, and Yoga have resumed. The Book sale starts in August. The library now has a poster printer. A 20'x40' tent is on order for the Small & Rural Community Grant. Long range planning will be coming up, minimum wage increases, and purchasing replacement HVACs.

School: Mr. Duling thanked the library for the hot spots they ordered for them. The front of the grade school was finished, along with the drive and parking lot. A digital sign was installed. They did not receive the grant for the electric buses. The Unit office and daycare office is finished. The Migrant Head Start paid for the repairs to the building and parking lot. There needs to be a storage unit put up at the Unit office yet. There will be a track ribbon cutting at the football game on August 27th. The enrollment is down, so trying not to make cuts – no new hires. Pandemic – went remote and was proud of the staff for doing so well. Had half days because of the lunch situation. The school year ended with limited extra curriculum, graduation, and a modified prom. August 17th, will be the first day of school with 2:15

outs until August 23rd. The local health department will be helping to decide on what plan to follow with COVID during the upcoming school year.

Village: Sarah Cordis is the new Village Clerk. Rick Pope is the new trustee. Julie Delbridge is the treasurer. Ron Delbridge took Andrew Ehle's place. Chad Gardner is in charge of the sewer. EPA rates are going up and work needs to be done to upgrade the well. Edelstein wants to be included on the water supply. They will be responsible for the repairs. All of the Aten Acres lots are sold. They will make the lots bigger for the next stage since most people wanted two lots to build on. The office water billing has been updated. Because of COVID, the financial losses were smaller, gaming and tap were the two biggest losses. They received a grant for the police, water and sewer. The school and village are splitting the cost of the police. Are coming up with long range plans. Russ Hyde retired and hired Brian Holt. They have been having Zoom meetings for their monthly meetings. The code enforcement has been stepped up. Have new prospects with the ALCOA building with new business. Everything is selling fast right now for houses. The parks look great. Not opening the Pool last year saved \$20-25,000. The Village joined the Peoria Area Visitors & Convention Bureau to promote Princeville businesses and events. They are hoping to get more attendance. The Museum is doing well. The pool needs updated. There are grants from the tourism that is available. Hoping to get their funding that way

PCA – The carnival was well attended. They will be sponsoring the Halloween cookout, Small business Holiday Shop, and tree lighting. They are hoping to get people to shop more at our stores.

Public – Beth talked about the St Jude run on July 17th. The route will be in Princeville with food and entertainment afterwards at Troutman Park. It is open to the public.

Troutman Park – Jeff talked about Dean's Troutman Trek 2021 which started July 10th. Dean is raising funds for St. Jude. Troutman Park need more board members. They meet four times a year. They will be having a 5K race and breakfast in October.

Fire Department – Jeff said they got a new Engine, and sold their old one. APA got a new ambulance that was demo priced. The new CPR is better and faster. Also have a new COVID rapid tester now.

Randy Ingle made a motion to adjourn the Library Board meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Ellen Cluskey. All ayes, motion carried.

Grant DeBord made a motion to adjourn the School Board meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Sue Hefler. All ayes, motion carried.

Ron Delbridge made a motion to adjourn the Village Board meeting at 8:11 p.m., seconded by Rick Pope. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Givens

Next Joint Board meeting will be on January 20th, 2022 with Princeville School as host.