Joint Meeting of the Boards
July 17, 2025
Lillie M. Evans Library at 7:00 p.m.

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

A. Welcome – Gayle Johnson-Brackett, President of the Board, Lillie M. Evans Library District

B. Roll Call:
Superintendent Tony Shinall brought the Princeville Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Jeremy Duckworth, Amy Davis, Mark Harmon, Sue Hefler, and Erin Murphy.

Village Mayor Jeff Troutman brought the Village of Princeville Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Rick Pope, Donnie Peterson, Julie Delbridge, and Spencer Wilson.

President Gayle Johnson-Brackett brought the Lillie M. Evans Library District to order at 7:01 p.m. Present were: Diane Smith, Randy Ingle, Director Beth Duttlinger, Rachel Wilson, Gayle Johnson-Brackett, and Deb Givens.

C. Introduction of the Village Board and remarks: The sewer project is starting, one and a half year late. Since it was delayed, the prices went up. EPA approved their loan last week. They are doing some minor repairs around town such as spray patching. The West Jersey Express is doing $5,000,000 in renovations. Once the roof is repaired, the building is 98% leased out. They have 100 trucks on the road now. The West Jersey Express also received TIF funds.

D. Introduction of the School Board and remarks: They hired a new Grade School Principal this year, Mrs. Tiller. The State of Illinois transportation funding is not good. The school is having to transfer working cash to the transportation fund. They are only receiving 60 – 70% of what they are supposed to be getting from the State. The district had parents, employees, and the community work on their strategic plan for the next five years. In Person registration will be on August 4th in both buildings. Unpack your backpack will be on 8/11 at PGS. The district is fully staffed. They are short a few aides, but they can go with what they have. They have a new guidance counselor this year. She just got her degree from Bradley University.

Donnie Peterson thanked the school for the janitor's help during baseball.

E. Introduction of the Fire Board and Remarks: There were no attendees from the Fire Board, but Rick Pope said that they have had 137 calls thus far this year. The new generator is hooked up and ready to go. They are taking open bids for parking lot resurfacing on the East Side. The Fire Department needs more members. It was brought up that the noon whistle was missed, but Rick said it probably will not be happening.

F. Introduction of Library Board and Remarks: Beth talked about our signed TIF IV agreement. She also showed them the chart that she had made about the TIF estimates. Beth is getting calls about community solar. The Village is getting a 20% refund. A new law requires Illinois libraries to have opioid kits and train staff. The Society of Growth from Wyoming gave them free kits and

the ambulance service provided training. We have extras that we could share with the school or village. They have a 2028 expiration date. The library will be starting their long-range planning this fiscal year. The summer reading program is finished. The Music at the Square was well attended with about 170 people at each event. Having the food venders there helped. There is a Spice Club event going on that shares spices and recipes. The book sale will be starting on July 28th and will continue through the end of August. The Read Down Their Fines has started. You can also read for other people. They have garden produce and anyone can take produce home from their cooler. The library will be having a Fiber Art Show in November. In December there will be the Food for Fines. Community shred day will be on September 27th.

G. Princeville Civic Association comments – Beth Duttlinger shared with us about the PCA. The Heritage Days went well. Thank you to all our sponsors! Chris Delbridge ran the sound system for them. The library had a magic show. The tractor club did not participate this year. The tent cost and the porta-potties both increased, but the committee worked hard to keep other costs low. There will be hot dogs at the library on October 31st. The Christmas tree lighting will be on November 30th.

H. Public Comments:

1. Caitlyn Murphy – She has been involved in 4-H projects, and is wanting to get involved in community projects.
2. Angie from Gold Rush Apple – They hope to have 35-40 turbines in Akron and Hallock Hallow townships. It will be a year yet until the farmers will know if they will be getting a turbine on their farm or not. These turbines will bring tax revenue to our area. They have a grant program that will pay from $1,000 to $10,000 every quarter. This is their largest project to date. They are also willing to help sponsor events in the area.

I. Next Meeting: January 15th, 2026. The Village will be hosting at the Library.

Adjournments:

1. Donny Peterson made a motion, seconded by Rick Pope to adjourn their meeting at 7:42 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Amy Davis made a motion, seconded by Jeremy Duckworth, to adjourn their meeting at 7:42 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.
3. Randy Ingle made a motion, seconded by Diane Smith, to adjourn our meeting at 7:43 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Givens, Secretary