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2 **MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Special Meeting**
3 **March 30, 2021; 6:30 PM at Township Hall**
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5 CALL TO ORDER

6 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Supervisor Stoneburner.
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8 ROLL CALL

9 Members present:

10 Clerk Goebel, Supervisor Stoneburner, Treasurer Pence, Trustee DeVries, and Trustee Doster
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12 Members absent: none
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14 There were also 6 members of the public present.
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16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

17 All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and a
18 moment of silence for our troops.
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20 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21 Review of the agenda.

- 22 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Treasurer Pence to approve the agenda as**
23 **amended with the 2 agenda additions of Planning and Zoning and Contract for**
24 **the Cemetery Sexton; all ayes, motion carried.**
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26 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 27 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Clerk Goebel to approve the minutes from**
28 **the Board Meeting on March 10, 2021; all ayes, motion carried.**
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30 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for the
31 Recording Clerk.)

32 Andy Wasko

33 8210 Delton Road

34 Thank you for helping us clean up our neighborhood. Supervisor Stoneburner emphasized that
35 Trustee Doster had helped. He also thanked the Wasko's for the pictures.
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37 Resolution #2021-9; Southwest Barry County Sewer Rates

38 This resolution was a follow up to the last board meeting. A vote was held but a resolution was
39 not adopted. Supervisor Stoneburner explained that all 4 townships must approve the change
40 for it to pass.

- 41 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to adopt resolution #2021-9, support Supervisor**
42 **Stoneburner; roll call vote: ayes - Clerk Goebel, Supervisor Stoneburner,**
43 **Treasurer Pence, Trustee Doster; nay Trustee DeVries, it was duly adopted.**
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46 Insurance

47 Insurance is expiring; there was a comparison of proposals looking for the best policy for the
48 township.

- 49 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to purchase insurance package from Burnham and**
50 **Flowers for the fiscal year 2021-2022, support Supervisor Stoneburner with the**
51 **suggestion to relook at this again next year providing lots of time to compare; all**
52 **eyes, motion carried.**
- 53 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to purchase terrorism coverage for \$111.00 in addition to**
54 **the other premium, support Supervisor Stoneburner; Trustee DeVries asked about**
55 **terrorism coverage and the reason, Trustee Doster asked what assets the**
56 **insurance covered; four ayes and one nay from Trustee DeVries. Motion passed.**

57 Bills

58 None

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60 Chief of Police

61 Supervisor Stoneburner explained the meetings with and requests of candidate Kevin Callahan
62 to become Prairieville Police Chief. Mr. Callahan is outgoing and will have a strong ability to get
63 to know the township. It will also allow a stronger relationship with Barry County Police.
64 Supervisor Stoneburner feels that it is important to let him have medical family plan and
65 clarified that this is not setting a precedent. He feels that Mr. Callahan's value to the township
66 is worth the insurance. Supervisor Stoneburner said the township is fortunate to have someone
67 of his quality.

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69 Trustee Doster talked about Mr. Callahan's knowledge of grants and ability to use this ability to
70 help the police department save money. Trustee Doster shared he had read the average salary
71 for a police chief for this size area is \$55,000-\$58,000. Mr. Callahan wants to give back to his
72 township, take part in law enforcement again and is taking a pay cut to do it. Trustee Doster
73 highly recommends him for the position.

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75 Treasurer Pence is very impressed with him but is not for raising the police wage to this
76 degree. It was clarified that Mr. Callahan will be taking care of family deductibles.

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78 Trustee DeVries discussed not hiring another officer for 6 months to stay within the police
79 department budget. There was a discussion about the 10% contribution that full time
80 employees pay for insurance. Clerk Goebel explained that no retirement and no
81 reimbursement equals that 10%.

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83 Clerk Goebel was very impressed with the potential and vision of the candidate. He would like
84 to see a one-year contract and see how it works.

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- 89 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to hire Kevin Callahan at a \$50,000 salary, no**
90 **5% retirement benefits, no deductible reimbursement and a family medical plan**
91 **on a one-year contract, support Trustee Doster; roll call vote ayes – Trustee**
92 **Doster, Trustee DeVries, Supervisor Stoneburner, Clerk Goebel; nay Treasurer**
93 **Pence, motion carried.**

94 Recycling

95 Trustee DeVries gave an update. Starting April 10 recycling will be under a new program. The
96 township is still looking for a recycling coordinator. He shared a couple of thoughts and made
97 them into motions.

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- 99 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to increase the amount to pay the coordinator from \$60**
100 **to \$100 each recycling time, support Supervisor Stoneburner; all ayes, motion**
101 **carried.**
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- 103 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to allow the first 20-gallon tub free each time people**
104 **recycle if they have punch card with the understanding that this can be changed**
105 **at any time if capacity becomes an issue, support Clerk Goebel; all ayes, motion**
106 **carried.**

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108 Planning and Zoning

109 Trustee DeVries is trying hard to make sure Planning and ZBA committees are getting all the
110 documents they need for a meeting. There is a need to appoint another alternate for the ZBA.
111 There is concern about the maximum number of people that can attend. Opening the room up
112 and allowing 6-foot distance is one option. Another option is if the weather is nice it can be
113 held outside.

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115 Contract with Cemetery Sexton

116 Due to the rising price of materials the sexton asked for an increase.

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- 118 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to renew Adams and Sons contract until April 2022 with**
119 **the increase of 5 cents per square inch for concrete, support Trustee DeVries; all**
120 **ayes, motion carried.**

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122 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for the
123 Recording Clerk.)

124 Lorraine Brown
125 12710 Merlau Ave.
126 Plainwell, MI

127 Ms. Brown wondered if the board has ever considered looking at another company for the
128 work PCI does. Clerk Goebel shared that he talked with the assessor and found out there are
129 not many other options. Treasurer Pence shared that the Kane Rd. issue is getting worse. It

130 has been a year since her first complaint. Supervisor Stoneburner said that he is monitoring it
131 more closely.

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133 Board Comments

134 Supervisor Stoneburner:

135 Thank you for being here. Thank you to Mark for collecting everything.

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137 Treasurer Pence:

138 It is nice to be here.

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140 Clerk Goebel:

141 Chief Thompson's last day was today. Thank you to him for all his work. Clerk Goebel
142 complimented the road commission for their work on the roads. Thank you to the public for
143 being here.

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145 Trustee Doster:

146 He has codes and keys to the police department and will be helping Mr. Callahan become
147 acquainted with everything. Chief Thompson was very helpful in sharing everything.

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149 Trustee DeVries:

150 Thank you for being here. Thank you to the recycling committee. Looking forward to a new
151 successful program.

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153 Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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155 Respectfully submitted,

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158 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries