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2 **MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting**
3 **May 12, 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 9 members of the public present.

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16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

17 All that were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of
18 America and a 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 Clerk Goebel, to approve the agenda as**
23 **presented; all ayes, motion carried.**

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25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 26 • **Motion by Treasurer Pence, support by Trustee DeVries, to approve the minutes**
27 **from the Regular Board Meeting on April 14, 2021; all ayes, motion carried.**

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29 Commissioners' Report:

30 Commissioner Conner was not in attendance.

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

34 None

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36 FIRE REPORT

37 Chief Pence gave the report and it will be put on file. The PTFD meeting room was painted
38 today.

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40 PARK'S REPORT

41 No one was in attendance.

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43 POLICE REPORT

44 Chief Callahan was out on a police call and could not attend.
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47 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

48 There is gravel being put down on a couple of roads today. This is a gravel year and dust
49 control will come soon. Also, there was line painting on Enzian Rd. The Road Commission will
50 be putting a 25-mph sign on Merlau on the lake side of the road. The scouts will be replacing
51 flags in the cemetery for Memorial Day. There will not be a Memorial Day Parade but there will
52 be a service at 1 pm in the cemetery on Memorial Day to honor veterans.

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54 TREASURER'S REPORT

55 Treasurer Pence gave the report and it will be put on file. There was \$51,215.00 received in
56 April for revenue sharing for March and April. Any questions, talk to Treasurer Pence.

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58 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

59 Trustee Doster – There is a problem and the Planning Commission public hearing scheduled
60 for 5-13-21 will be rescheduled for the June meeting.

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62 Trustee DeVries – The ZBA June meeting was discussed. Treasurer Pence and Trustee
63 DeVries are looking for chairs and tables for the new hall. They hope to report in June.

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65 CLERK'S REPORT At the last election there were 84 absentee ballots and 7 people came
66 through the door to vote.

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68 APPROVAL OF BILLS

- 69 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to pay bills in the amount of \$19,543.45, support by**
70 **Supervisor Stoneburner; all ayes, motion carried.**

71 Ordinance #172

- 72 • **Clerk Goebel moved to approve ordinance 172, support Trustee Doster; roll call**
73 **vote, all ayes, motion was approved.**

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75 Fireworks Application

- 76 • **Clerk Goebel moved to approve the permit for fireworks for the Pine Lake**
77 **Association for July 3, 2021 with a rain date of July 4, 2021, support Trustee**
78 **Doster; all ayes, motion carried.**

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80 EMS Discussion

81 Dana Yarger, Trauma/EMS Coordinator with Spectrum Health Pennock and Barry County
82 Medical Control Authority was welcomed to the meeting. Prairieville Township has lost service
83 with Plainwell EMS. This facilitated a meeting to determine next steps. Dana clarified that we
84 will always get an ambulance but response times will be higher. There is need for a formal
85 agreement. Trustee DeVries gave an overview of the two meetings that were held. He also
86 shared feedback which he had received from different companies. Supervisor Stoneburner
87 communicated background information. Barry Bower, Supervisor from Barry Township was
88 also in attendance. For future planning there is room at Barry Township Fire Department to
89 have an ambulance. Prairieville and Barry Townships are asking other townships in the area
90 about interest. Dana Yarger encouraged the townships and said that combining forces is the
91 most efficient way to get services.

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93 Chief Pence would like to see things move faster but is glad the ball is rolling. There is an
94 opportunity for training this fall for EMT through Pride Care. This has been shared with the Fire
95 Department. Supervisor Stoneburner said that they will continue to work on this issue and
96 report back at the next meeting.

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

100 Kim Leinaar
101 10750 S. Parker Rd.

102 Ms. Leinaar asked about the final cost for the Cloverdale Drain Assessment for Prairieville
103 Twp. Supervisor Stoneburner does not have final amount but asked Ms. Leinaar to call him
104 and he would share the amount. She also asked about the American Relief Fund. Trustee
105 Doster explained that the money is given to the county and there is a committee that townships
106 apply to get the money. There are strings attached although these are not known yet.

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108 Lorraine Brown
109 12710 Merlau Ave.

110 Ms. Brown asked about patient choice of a hospital in an EMS response. Dana Yarger
111 answered her that it is patient's right to choose a hospital if that hospital can serve the patient's
112 needs.

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114 Board Comments

115 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thanked Dana Yarger and Barry Bower for attending the meeting as
116 well as everyone else here this evening.

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118 Treasurer Pence: Thank you Dana for all the meetings.

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120 Clerk Goebel: Thank you to the election staff for doing a good job.

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122 Trustee Doster: none

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124 Trustee DeVries: none

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126 Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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130 Respectfully submitted,

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133 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries