

**MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting
June 9, 2021; 6:30 PM at Township Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Clerk Goebel.
Treasurer Pence and Supervisor Stoneburner were absent.

- **Motion by Trustee DeVries, and support by Trustee Doster, to have Clerk Goebel chair the meeting in Supervisor Stoneburner's absence; all ayes, motion passed.**

ROLL CALL

Members present:

Clerk Goebel, Trustee DeVries and Trustee Doster

Members absent: Treasurer Pence and Supervisor Stoneburner

There were also 12 members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

All that were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and a moment of silence for our troops.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Review of the agenda.

- **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Trustee Doster, to approve the agenda as amended with copy machine being added; all ayes, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Clerk Goebel, to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on May 12, 2021; all ayes, motion carried.**

Commissioners' Report:

Commissioner Conner gave an oral report. Highlights included hiring a new recycling coordinator for the county and updates on meetings she has attended. Stimulus money (known as ARP) has been received at the county level. A meeting will be held with townships to decide how to deal with the requests. There will be reporting needed to show how funds are being used.

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

Jim Dull, County Drain Commissioner, gave an update. He discussed the stimulus money and has requested to use money toward drain projects. At Pine Lake there was an endangered species study done. Pine Lake is down but still three feet above the court ordered high water

level. Crooked Lake has not gone down as significantly. That is being looked at. Mr. Dull was asked why no funds were being requested for the Pine Lake drain project. His answer, the infiltration testing at the gravel pit looks like a long-term solution for Pine Lake. It would cost significant less than originally estimated where other areas have expenses significantly greater than originally anticipated.

FIRE REPORT

Assistant Chief Uridge gave the report, and a copy will be put on file. Clerk Goebel informed everyone that Chief Pence passed. This was after the dedication on Monday night of the fire station name. The Prairieville Township Fire Department name was changed to add Chief Robert Pence Station at Pine Lake after PTFD. The Pence family is going through a lot right now. Two liaison officers from the Fire Dept. are coordinating family needs.

- **Motion by Trustee Doster, support by Trustee Devries, to have Bob Pence's funeral luncheon at the fire station; all ayes, motion carried.**

PARK'S REPORT

Joanna Haneckow gave a report for the Parks Commission including working on a new 5-year plan. A hard copy will be put on file.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Callahan gave the report for May. A hard copy will be put on file.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Stoneburner was not in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Pence was not in attendance.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Doster – On June 10, 2021 at the Planning Commission there will be a public meeting on a Long Point request.

Trustee DeVries – Website control has been changed from I.T. Right to Schumaker Technology Group, he will attend a ZOOM meeting to learn more. ZBA met and approved a variance to build on Breezy Point and Lindsey Road. Trustee DeVries is offering to be at the township on an upcoming Recycling Saturday to sell punch cards. Crooked Lake weed assessment comes up in two years. A resident has asked the township to start the process but this involves two townships. This was informational only as more data is needed. New sewer rate goes into effect July 1.

CLERK'S REPORT

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel to pay bills in the amount of \$115,689.26, support by Trustee DeVries; all ayes, motion carried.**

Fire Department Requests

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Trustee Doster, to hire Kevin Callahan as a member of the Prairieville Township Fire Department; all ayes, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Trustee Doster, to hire Hunter Heinrich as a member of the Prairieville Township Fire Department pending a required physical; all ayes, motion carried.**

Upgrade Internet

Currently the data base is backed up each night. There have been issues with this as it can be very slow. After checking it was recommended that the speed of backup be increased. This will cost \$40 a month but remedy the situation and provide backed up and timely files for all departments.

- **Motion by Trustee Doster, support Trustee DeVries, to upgrade the backup per the recommendation; all ayes, motion carried.**

Acting Fire Chief

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Trustee DeVries, to appoint Brian Uridge as Acting Fire Chief for Prairieville Township Fire Department; all ayes, motion carried.**

Copy Machine

Trustee DeVries gave the background of color printing in the copy machine.

- **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support Trustee Doster, to purchase a yellow cartridge for \$152.00 for use in the color part of the copier; all ayes, motion carried. This will be monitored to make sure the color is being used correctly.**

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

Dana Yarger commented on Chief Pence and how he will be missed. She urged the township to continue the discussion going on in regards to the ambulance services. Chief Pence would want this. She will support in any way that she can.

Richard VanNiman
12710 Merlau

Mr. VanNiman was concerned about getting PCI and the Township Assessor on the same page. He hopes this is being looked at.

Lorraine Brown
12710 Merlau

Ms. Brown asked if there is a contract with PCI. If there is, what does the contract direct them to do? Clerk Goebel will get a copy to her.

Board Comments

Supervisor Stoneburner: Not in attendance

Treasurer Pence: Not in attendance

Trustee DeVries: Thank you for coming. It is a sad day in the township. Chief Pence will be missed.

Clerk Goebel: Agreed that the Chief will be missed.

Trustee Doster: Asked for prayers for the Pence family.

Adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Bliss DeVries