

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

2 August 11, 2021; 6:30 PM at Township Hall

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4 CALL TO ORDER

5 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Supervisor Stoneburner.

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7 ROLL CALL

8 Members present:

9 Clerk Goebel, Supervisor Stoneburner, Treasurer Pence, Trustee DeVries and Trustee Doster

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11 Members absent: none

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13 There were also 5 members of the public present.

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15 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

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

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19 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

20 Review of the agenda.

- 21 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Trustee Doster, to approve the amended**
22 **agenda which adds County Drain Commissioner, service door and fire department**
23 **candidates; all ayes, motion carried.**

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25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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29 Commissioners Report:

30 Vivian Conner was in attendance and gave her report. When her power returns a copy will be sent
31 to Clerk Goebel to be put on file.

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33 Jim Dull, County Drain Commissioner

34 Mr. Dull was in attendance to update on the Watson Drain Project and Pine Lake progress. There
35 were 6 bids for the hard costs of the Watson Drain Project and the lowest was accepted. The Day
36 of Review will be September 3, 2021. This day had to be done within 30 days of the bid opening.

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38 Pine Lake is at 893 feet which is still 3 feet above high-water level. They are looking at a gravel pit
39 and are currently getting appraisals to determine a fair market price. This would be a less
40 expensive way to lower the water in Pine Lake.

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

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45 Richard Vanniman

46 12710 Merlau Ave.

47 Thank you, Rod, for weeding the eaves trough garden.

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49 PARK'S REPORT

50 There was no one from the Parks Commission in attendance. A report was sent and shared. The
51 summary of it includes: Pickleball courts at Pine Lake Rec Center are all set with wheelchair

52 access being added; the 5 year plan is in the final stages; and a new manager will be hired by the
53 end of September 2021.

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55 FIRE REPORT

56 Chief Uridge gave the report. A copy of it will be put on file.

- 57 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries and supported by Trustee Doster to continue the hiring**
58 **process with Christopher Beltran, Robert Riddle, Brenda Gonzalea, Roberto Beltran**
59 **and Devon Stuart to become members of Prairieville Fire Department; all ayes, motion**
60 **carried.**

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62 POLICE REPORT

63 Chief Callahan gave the report. A copy will be put on file.

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65 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

66 Supervisor Stoneburner is:

- 67 ○ Working at mapping for Southgate and Merlau with the county. This will be reviewed before
68 a final map is produced.
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- 70 ○ Barry Township will work with Prairieville to start the Crooked Lake weed process next year.
71 It is due in 2023.
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- 73 ○ Discussing boating activity and the need for more marine control on Gull Lake with Sheriff
74 Dar Leaf and Supervisor Hutchings of Ross Township.
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- 76 ○ Letters are being sent out to owners of property if there is an issue.
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- 78 ○ The foundation inspection was approved for the house being built on Pine Lake Road and
79 Norris.

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81 TREASURER'S REPORT

82 Nothing is outstanding at this point. There is revenue coming in from taxes. The yearly cost for the
83 library is now over \$55,000. This is higher than either of the other two townships.

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85 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

86 Trustee Doster – Asked Chief Callahan to assist at Founder's Day weekend on Aug 14.

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88 Trustee DeVries – Shared list of ideas for COVID money that township has applied for through the
89 county. Hope Township is trying to get money to pay for the drain district. County money
90 application is due by September 17, 2021. Federal government money was applied for at the end
91 of July and must be spent by 2024.

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93 CLERK'S REPORT

94 Auditors came and went, they left happy and reports will be approved next month.

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96 A mulberry bush in Prairieville Cemetery came down after the last storm.

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98 APPROVAL OF BILLS

- 99 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to pay bills in the amount of \$62,375.86, support by Trustee**
100 **DeVries, discussion about payments for weed treatments and all is up to date; all**
101 **eyes, motion carried.**

102 Millage Request

- 103 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to approve millage request rates to be levied December 1,**
104 **2021 with .8095 to operational, .9465 to fire, .8093 to police and .8997 to roads,**
105 **support Supervisor Stoneburner; all ayes, motion carried.**

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107 Police Server

- 108 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support from Trustee Doster, to purchase a new**
109 **stand-alone server for the police department through I.T. Right for \$1279.00;**
110 **discussion, all ayes, motion carried.**

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112 Domain Name

113 The current domain name will need to be updated by October 18. For security reasons it was
114 recommended to change to .gov. The .gov is free.

- 115 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Supervisor Stoneburner, to change domain**
116 **classification from .org to .gov; all ayes, motion carried.**

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118 Conflict of Interest Policy

119 This policy, which applies to all township employees, must be adopted to accept federal monies.

- 120 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Trustee DeVries to adopt the Prairieville**
121 **Township Federal Procurement, Conflict of Interest Policy including the \$25 value for**
122 **gifts; all ayes, motion carried.**

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124 Cemeteries

- 125 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to purchase a sign for Cressey Cemetery from Sign**
126 **Impressions using B Display for \$630.00, support Clerk Goebel; all ayes, motion**
127 **carried.**

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129 Service Door

130 The service door on the garage is not secure.

- 131 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to approve purchasing a new service door for the garage not**
132 **to exceed \$350, support Trustee DeVries; all ayes, motion carried.**

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134 Wish List:

- 135 ○ The center drive at Cressey Cemetery looks terrible. Clerk Goebel will talk to Scott Adams to
136 see what it will cost to dig things out.
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- 138 ○ The outhouses at the cemeteries are not in good shape. It is a potential liability. Clerk
139 Goebel will get an estimate on cleaning these out. There was a discussion about the need
140 for the outhouses and it was decided the outhouse at Cressey is needed.
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- 142 ○ There will be a bench for the Veterans' Memorial at Prairieville Cemetery and Clerk Goebel
143 would like to get a light for the flag. Solar as well as hard wire were discussed and this will
144 be looked into.
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- 146 ○ There is a need for a portable public address system. This could be used for the ceremony
147 in the cemetery for our veterans on Memorial Day and also for inside. Most of these systems
148 are battery operated and could meet the township needs. Clerk Goebel will bring options to
149 next meeting.
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- 151 ○ An ADA bathroom in the hall was discussed and everyone agreed the need is there. Clerk
152 Goebel will be following up on that.

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

Lorraine Browns
12710 Merlau

Ms. Brown asked if there was a way that Planning Commission members could be notified sooner when there is a public hearing on the agenda.

Board Comments

Supervisor Stoneburner: thank you for being here

Treasurer Pence: thank you.

Trustee DeVries: He was concerned about an email response he got while trying to help facilitate packets for the Planning Commission. There was discussion and it was decided that packets need to be in the hands of the commission members 7 days before the meeting as well as availability for Township Board Members to review. Supervisor Stoneburner will get that information out and will contact Eric about earlier notification for members when there is a public hearing.

Clerk Goebel: Rod – no cookies tonight? Thank you for attending!

Trustee Doster: nothing tonight

Adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Bliss DeVries