

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting
2 November 10, 2021; 6:30 PM at Prairieville 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, Trustee DeVries and Trustee Doster
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11 Members absent: Treasurer Pence
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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 present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and a
17 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 Clerk Goebel, to approve the agenda as**
22 **amended by adding Dan Jeska under appointments; all ayes, motion carried.**
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24 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 25 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Trustee DeVries, to approve the minutes from the**
26 **October 28, 2021 Public Hearing ; all ayes, motion carried.**
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- 28 • **Motion by Trustee Doster, support by Trustee DeVries, to approve minutes of**
29 **November 2, 2021 Public Hearing as corrected with page 5 of the first resolution, line**
30 **21 changed to 2021-22 and line 27 is 2021-23; all ayes, motion carried.**

31 Commissioners Report:

32 Vivian Conner was unable to attend.
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34 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for the
35 Recording Clerk.)
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37 Dan VanderMeulen
38 801 Fairview
39 Richland

40 Mr. VanderMeulen lives near the Gull Lake sandbar. He talked about Prairieville Township launch
41 site. There is a concern about safety in front of his house. There have been accidents there and an
42 assault. He is asking for more enforcement. He is requesting that the township help out to enforce
43 safety on Gull Lake. Supervisor Stoneburner shared history of the park and the plan to get
44 together this winter with Barry County Sheriff and Barry County Marine Patrol to increase Marine
45 Patrol in that area. There was more discussion about enforcement. Mr. Vermeulen gave a written
46 history of the sandbar.
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48 Jim DeKruyten
49 815 Fairview Drive
50 Richland

51 Mr. DeKruyten added the need for more help at Gull Lake. There is underage drinking and the
52 noise is out of control. He also asked for better coordination of services. Any assistance is
53 appreciated, and he stated they are desperate for help. He closed with a thank you for listening.
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55 Rachel Frantz

56 Barry County Recycler Coordinator

57 She is visiting all local units of government and has learned about the recycling program in
58 Prairieville. She passed out her business cards.

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60 Richard VanNiman

61 12710 Merlau Ave.

62 Tomorrow is Veteran's Day and he said, "Thank you all veterans!"

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64 FIRE REPORT

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

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67 POLICE REPORT

68 Chief Callahan gave the report. A copy will be put on file. He updated the policy manual and will be
69 providing a digital copy for approval.

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71 PARK'S REPORT

72 There was no park's report. Joanna Haneckow turned in her resignation as chair of the Parks
73 Board.

- 74 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, second by Trustee Doster, to accept Joanna Haneckow's**
75 **resignation effective upon acceptance by the board on 11-10-2021; all ayes, motion**
76 **carried.**

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78 Board comments after accepting the resignation were that Joanna did an awesome job as
79 chairperson and will be missed.

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81 There are two openings on the board.

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83 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

84 The Township Watershed Resource Council update: since events and activities have been
85 curtailed annual dues will be suspended for one year in 2022.

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87 Renewed director's contract at Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority

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89 Delton Hometown Christmas parade of Lights is on December 11. Decorate vehicles and be part
90 of parade at 5:30. Also on Dec. 11 the cruiser at Barry County Fire Station will be accepting
91 unwrapped gifts for Barry County area children for Christmas.

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93 On December 6 at 3 pm there will be a meeting with Steve Frisbie from Life Care about EMS
94 Services.

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96 TREASURER'S REPORT

97 There was no report as Treasurer Pence was unable to attend.

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99 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

100 Trustee Doster – Nothing now!!

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102 Trustee DeVries – On Nov. 2 he went to County Commission Meeting about ARPA funds.

03 Prairieville Township was not granted money at this time but there will be a second round. He is
04 waiting to hear about round 2. There is a public hearing on November 30 about round 1. This
10 conflicts with the Merlau Long Point meeting that is scheduled. He suggested getting other people
106 to attend and comment at the Nov 30 meeting in the board's place.

107 CLERK'S REPORT

108 Trustee Doster put in a secure door on storage garage.

110 APPROVAL OF BILLS

- Motion by Clerk Goebel to pay bills in the amount of \$26,737.73, support by Trustee DeVries; all ayes, motion carried.

114 Fire Department Hire

- Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support by Trustee Doster, to hire Colton Hawkins as member of Prairieville Fire Department dependent on the outcome of the background check and physical; all ayes, motion carried.

118 Long Point Vacation

119 This is an on-paper road that needs to be vacated in order for the attorney to proceed.

- Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Trustee Doster, to direct the Township attorney to contact the Plaintiff's attorney regarding accepting the proposed consent judgment and authorizing the supervisor to sign such judgment on behalf of the Township; all ayes, motion carried.

125 Bathroom Remodel Project

126 Plans were prepared to make the bathroom ADA compliant. If these are approved there will be
127 requests for bid package.

- Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Trustee DeVries to approve plans for bathroom remodel and proceed accordingly; all ayes, motion carried.

131 Board Appointments

- Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Supervisor Stoneburner, to appoint Joe Tobin to the Planning Commission with a term starting 1-1-2022 through 12-31-2024; all ayes, motion carried.
- Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Trustee Doster, to reappoint Richard VanNiman to the ZBA for a term from 1-1-2022 through 12-31-2024; all ayes, motion carried.
- Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Trustee DeVries, to reappoint Dan Jeska to the ZBA for a term from 1-1-2022 to 12-31-2024; all ayes, motion carried.

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

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148 Board Comments

149 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thank you for being here and he thanked each person individually.

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151 Treasurer Pence: was unable to attend

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153 Trustee DeVries: Thanked Rachel for attending as well as others.

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155 Clerk Goebel: Tomorrow is Veteran's Day and I am thankful for all of them.

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157 Trustee Doster: Discussed the valid concerns at Gull Lake.

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160 Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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163 Respectfully submitted,

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166 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries