

MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting
December 8, 2021; 6:30 PM at Prairieville Township Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by Supervisor Stoneburner.

ROLL CALL

Members present:

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

Members absent: none

There were also 7 members of the public present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

All 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; all ayes, motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Trustee Doster, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 10, 2021; all ayes, motion carried.**

Commissioners Report:

Vivian Conner was unable to attend.

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

Wayne Bourdo

Everything outdoors has been put away for the winter. There is a fence issue at Cressey Cemetery. It is falling towards the cemetery and he suggests that it be removed.

- **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support by Trustee DeVries, to have Wayne Bourdo take the fence out on the north side of Cressey Cemetery; all ayes, motion carried.**

FIRE REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT

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

PARKS REPORT

There was no parks report.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

There was a meeting at Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority today. There were 25-30 angry

people who showed up concerned about possible water changes at Gull Lake. There is an advisory committee that concerned citizens need to talk to about the water issues. Representatives from all four townships are involved. This is not being forced but the committee is helping determine if there is a need. The committee will then give a recommendation to the Sewer and Water Authority.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Pence reported on the combined general fund. Taxes are now being collected. A portion of the Watson Drain will be due 1st week of January. Trustee DeVries asked questions to clarify amounts of revenue sharing from the state.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Doster – Nothing that is not on the agenda.

Trustee DeVries – asked about the 4th weekend for recycling – it will be canceled this month as it is on December 25. Trustee DeVries will put that information on the website. He asked about where the bathroom remodeling was currently. The township is still waiting for prints of the plans to be delivered. These will be given to interested contractors.

CLERK'S REPORT

Sewer Authority has the audit completed and available for inspection.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel to pay bills in the amount of \$25,846.65, support by Supervisor Stoneburner; all ayes, motion carried.**

Parks Resignation

- **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to accept John Kurak's resignation from the Parks Board with appreciation, support Trustee DeVries; all ayes, motion carried.**

Parks Appointment

- **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support by Trustee Doster, to appoint MaryAnn DeVries as a member of the Parks Board through November of 2022; all ayes, motion carried.**

Poverty Guidelines

Every year the guidelines for Poverty Exemption must be adopted.

- **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Supervisor Stoneburner, to approve the 2022 Poverty Exemption Guidelines with a 20% increase, discussion; roll call Clerk Goebel -no, Treasurer Pence-no, Supervisor Stoneburner-yes, Trustee DeVries-yes, and Trustee Doster-no; motion failed.**
- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Treasurer Pence, to approve 2022 Federal Guidelines with 10% increase; roll call Trustee DeVries-no, Supervisor Stoneburner-no, Clerk Goebel-yes, Treasurer Pence-yes, and Trustee Doster-yes; motion passed.**

Watson Drain

This was information about Drain Bonds. The bonding company needs a vote on this so they can

be transparent when they sell the bonds. The approximate cost to get below the 10% is \$133,000. If that is paid it would save the township \$50,000 in interest and eliminate paperwork and extra costs.

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel to adopt resolution 2021-14 Approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking for Watson Drain Drainage District, support Treasurer Pence, discussion; roll call Clerk Goebel-yes, Trustee DeVries-yes, Treasurer Pence-yes, Trustee Doster-yes, Supervisor Stoneburner-yes; this was adopted unanimously on this date.**

Budget Workshop Dates

Dates were discussed for upcoming budget workshops.

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Treasurer Pence, to set up budget workshops on the following dates:**

Police on Feb. 23 at 9 a.m.

Fire on Feb. 23 at 11 a.m.

Roads and General Fund on Feb. 24 at 9 a.m.

Parks in a joint meeting on Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

The vote was all ayes and the motion carried.

Road Commission Meeting

The meetings with the Road Commission start the week of January 10. The board chose January 10 at 10 a.m. Supervisor Stoneburner will call and set it up. If that date is not available, he will get a 10 a.m. meeting on another day.

Consent Agenda

There was discussion of implementing a consent agenda. Clerk Goebel will bring an example to the January meeting for the board to look at.

Meeting Policy

A meeting policy was presented by Trustee Doster for discussion. He will incorporate the suggestions and present an updated resolution in January.

Lawn Care Contract

- **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support Clerk Goebel, to approve the signing of 4-year contract starting in April 2022, including a raise of \$600, for township lawn care with Wayne Bourdo; all ayes, motion carried.**

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

James Parker
11228 Long Point

Mr. Parker asked questions about Watson Drain District. Trustee DeVries and Clerk Goebel clarified these for him.

Dana Yarger
Irving Township

I applaud you all for doing the right thing for Prairieville Township residents.

Board Comments

Supervisor Stoneburner: Meeting with Life Care on Monday, December 13. Thanks for being here.

Treasurer Pence: Thanks for being here and thank you for your patience.

Trustee DeVries: Thank you for your questions and thank you for attending.

Clerk Goebel: Thank you to the trustees for their input on the agenda. Congratulations to Officer Arnold for his recent wedding.

Trustee Doster: I appreciate everyone's help during my first year.

Adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Bliss DeVries