

MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting
January 12, 2022; 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 Clerk Goebel, support by Trustee DeVries, to approve the agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the board and will be enacted by one motion. If discussion is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- a. Approval of December 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes.
 - b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Building Report; Civil Fines; Check Register; G/L Activity
 - c. Approval of Bills: \$87,989.55
- **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Trustee Doster, to approve the consent agenda as presented; all ayes, motion carried.**

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Vivian Conner gave the report, and a copy will be put on file.

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

Craig Shumaker
7402 Bendere Road
Hickory Corners
(269) 217-4674

Mr. Shumaker is attending the township meetings with a goal of starting to participate in the future.

FIRE REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT

Chief Callahan gave the report. Regarding concerns the public may have he stated, "Nothing is too small – call us if you are concerned!" A copy of his report will be put on file.

PARK'S REPORT

Chairperson MaryAnn DeVries gave the report. A copy will be put on file.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

There was a meeting with the Road Commission this morning. They discussed the 4-year plan. They also talked about Merlau and Southgate projects. Supervisor Stoneburner thanked Jake Welch from the commission for attending our meetings with the public. Barry Mitchell wants to give a quote for the bathroom project.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Reports were given and they will be put on file. Everything is up to date. Payments for Pine Lake and Crooked Lake weed projects are due and covered with collected funds. Treasurer Pence attended the Delton Library Board meeting and found out they are planning to add a new room to the library. The library has about \$650,000 in CD's and \$80,000 in savings.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Doster: There is a Safety Net Program near Sturgis. It is training for first responders and MFR. This would provide backup service. In theory it sounds great. Delton, Hickory Corners and Prairieville are looking into it to find out more.

Trustee DeVries: Recycling is going well. He attended the County Commission meeting and will continue to do so. Trustee DeVries is supporting commissioners and reminding them of the need Prairieville has for the ARPA funds.

CLERK'S REPORT

Adams and Son is trying to put together a proposal to replace foundations in the cemetery. Clerk Goebel brought up the idea of recycling for once a month for 3 months in the winter instead of two times a month. There was a discussion.

RESOLUTION 2022-1: MEETING POLICY

This resolution is a meeting policy that Trustee Doster put together. The reason behind it is to avoid issues other meeting groups have had to address. Having an adopted policy is the first step. Discussion ensued. There was one suggested language change.

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Treasurer Pence, to table the resolution; all ayes, motion carried.**

This will be sent to the Township Attorney for her advice before going further.

PARK'S APPOINTMENT

- **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support by Clerk Goebel, to appoint Gary Baumgardner as a member of the Parks Board through November 20 of 2022; all ayes, motion carried.**

UPDATE FROM GLSWA

John Crumb from Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority gave an update of a creative problem-solving issue with the sewer connections. This was information for the board.

RESOLUTION 2022-2: Oppose Charter Township designation

Clerk Goebel explained because of the 2020 census there is an opportunity to become a Charter Township. The township can learn more about this or be opposed to being a charter township. There is no material advantage for Prairieville in being a Charter Township.

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support by Supervisor Stoneburner, to adopt 2022-2 denying the opportunity to be a charter township. Roll call vote: all ayes, motion carried and duly adopted on this date.**

EXTRA CHECKS

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Treasurer Pence, to approve paying the additional invoices amounting to \$3007.44; all ayes, motion carried.**

I.T. RIGHT

Clerk Goebel included a letter from IT Right. Effective this year the rate is increasing. There was discussion.

MTA Conference

MTA Conference can be done virtually or you can attend. Clerk Goble asked people to look through the information and let him know if they are interested.

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

Richard VanNiman
12710 Merlau Ave.

Today there was a meeting of the feasibility committee looking at city water around Gull Lake. This meeting was to get feedback from the public and find out preferences. There are no decisions right now as this is exploratory. Information is being collected in case this becomes a need down the road.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Stoneburner: Thank you for being here.

Treasurer Pence: Thank you

Trustee DeVries: Thank you to everyone who came tonight.

Clerk Goebel: Thank you

Trustee Doster: Nothing more to add.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Bliss DeVries