

PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2022 6:30 PM

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3 **CALL TO ORDER 6:30 PM**

4 **ROLL CALL:** Four present; Ted Devries excused [vacation} **Public:** 6

5 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS**

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

8 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion is made to accept the agenda as amended.**

9 **1st Rod Goebel 2nd Mark Doster Yeas carried**

10 **CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the**
11 **Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these**
12 **items. If discussion is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered**
13 **separately.**

14 A. Approval of the January 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

15 B. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure; Building; Civil Fines; Police; Fire; Parks;
16 Financial Reports;

17 C. Approve Checks

18 **A motion was made by Mark Doster, Second by Rod Goebel to accept the Consent**
19 **Agenda as presented. Yeas carried**

20 **COMMISSIONERS REPORT:** Commissioner Connor reported;

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- 22 • The Watson Drain Bonds were purchased on the last eligible day, which was the
23 day the ARPA funds decisions were made. Unfortunately ARPA Funds may not be
used for paying debt. So the funds were used for a park.
 - 24 • Next month I am bring forward a change in Public Comment Policy to the Board
 - 25 • 2. 12. 2022 will be Gun Lake's Winter Festival
 - 26 • I am running for re-election this year for another 2 yr. term, and a 4 yrs. term in
27 2024.

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

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31 **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:** I attended the ambulance meetings with the Fire Fighters and EMS.

32 I sat in on the interviews for the GLWA open position

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34 **TREASURER'S REPORT:** We have \$1.5 Mil in the general fund. I will have the breakdown for
35 each of the individual funds next month.

36 **TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

37 **Mark Doster:** I will be attending the public hearing at the P&Z Committee tomorrow
38 night concerning the creation of an overlay area for the preservation of the Prairieville Creek.
39 We are attempting to keep contaminants out of the creek & surrounding waters. As reported
40 by Richard Van Niman, P&Z Member.

41 **CLERK'S REPORT:** Delton is building Pickle Ball Courts and asking for donations. This should
42 increase the use of ours getting more people playing.

43 I have the schedule for the Music in the Park for Delton.

44 45 **RESOLUTION 2022-1 Meeting Policy [Tabled 1.12.22]**

46 A motion was made to remove RESOLUTION 2022-1 Meeting Policy from the table. 1st
47 Jim Stoneburner 2nd Mark Doster Yeas carried.

48 A Motion was made to approve RESOLUTION 2022-1 Meeting Policy as presented. 1st
49 Mark Doster 2nd Rod Goebel

50 **Roll call vote- Jim Stoneburner-yes**

51 **Mark Doster-yes**

52 **Judy Pence-yes**

53 **Rod Goebel-yes**

54 **Ted Devries Absent Dually adopted 2.9.2022**

55 56 **RESOLUTION 2022-3: Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan**

57 The plan covers years 2021-2026, a five year Master Plan, and is being submitted for
58 approval.

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59 **A motion is made to approve RESOLUTION 2022-3: Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan by**
60 **Rod Goebel, second by Mark Doster**

61 **Roll call vote- Jim Stoneburner-yes**

62 **Mark Doster-yes**

63 **Judy Pence-yes**

64 **Rod Goebel-yes**

65 **Ted Devries Absent**

Dually adopted 2.9.2022

66 **Snow Removal**

67 A bid is offered by the Parks & Recreation Commission for snow removal of the grounds
68 and cemeteries. The renewal needs to be done for 4.1.2022 -3.31.2023. Would like to see the
69 remainder of the fiscal year before a decision is made.

70 **A motion was made to table the proposal for the time being. Yeas carried**

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

73 **GULL LAKE SEWER AND WATER AUTHORITY; ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDMENT**

74 Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, 2nd by Goebel to adopt amendment of the Articles of
75 Incorporation of the Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority. This amendment adds the Charter
76 Township of Cooper as a constituent municipality.

77 **Roll call vote- Jim Stoneburner-yes**

78 **Mark Doster-yes**

79 **Judy Pence-yes**

80 **Rod Goebel-yes**

81 **Ted Devries Absent**

82 **Dually adopted 2.9.2022**

83 **RESOLUTION 2022-4; SEWER RATES AND CONNECTION FEES**

84 A presentation by John Crumb, GLWSA, discussed admitting Cooper Township to the
85 sewer board and the sewer rates.

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- 86 • Cooper Township has been participating but has not had full benefits as a Board
- 87 member. Acceptance to the Board needs the approval of the Township representatives.
- 88 • The Sewer Board has had a consultant review the current rates. A recommendation for a
- 89 rate increase was made.
 - 90 ✓ Recommended rate was and immediate increase to \$150.00. The Board is
 - 91 recommending an increase over 3 yrs. of a quarterly increase from the current
 - 92 \$90 to \$120 by 2023, \$138 by 2024,
 - 93 ✓ The current pumps and lines were placed in 1984-86. We are currently pumping
 - 94 230 gallons per minute. Breakage with repairs and replacement plus the portage
 - 95 of waste while the system is down is expensive! We must be proactive not
 - 96 reactive looking for funding.
 - 97 ✓ Utility rates need to be adjusted for charging users. The more people on the line
 - 98 the more costly to function.
 - 99 ✓ Treatment costs are rising for supplies and equipment. PFAS and other
 - 100 contaminates are being found and treatments adjusted.

101 **A motion was made to adopt RESOLUTION 2022-4; SEWER RATES AND CONNECTION FEES**

102 **including Schedule A connection fees.**

103 **Roll call vote- Jim Stoneburner-yes**

104 **Mark Doster-yes**

105 **Judy Pence-no**

106 **Rod Goebel-yes**

107 **Ted Devries Absent**

108 **Dually adopted 2.9.2022**

109 **ID CARDS – REDISTRICTING**

110 With the state redistricting, a new Precinct card needs to be sent all voters. Bids were

111 reviewed. **A motion was made to use Kent Communications, Inc. to print and mail Voter ID**

112 **cards to all registered voters in Prairieville Township by Rod Goebel second by Judy Pence.**

113 **Yeas carried**

114 **BATHROOM PROPOSAL**

115 A proposal was received from Barry Mitchell for remodeling the bathroom facilities. The

116 remodel was budgeted for \$15,000, the proposal was \$25,000

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117 Discussion was held and at least 2 more bids need to be obtained.

118 **TRAINING GRANT**

119 A training grant for \$100K for recruitment and \$100K for training is available for
120 application by 2.15.2022. The application to be completed by the Supervisor. This is a
121 reimbursement grant. Prairieville & Barry Township supervisors will approach the Barry
122 County Foundation for possible funding. Jim Stoneburner will investigate the training grant
123 and apply as necessary.

124 **IT TECHNOLOGY**

125 A proposal was received from High Tech, based in Portage, for the Township computer
126 services. The proposal was discussed and tabled for later review.

127 **BOARD COMMENTS**

128 **Supervisor Stoneburner:** ‘

129 **Treasurer Pence:**

130 **Clerk Goebel:** Budget Proposals collected for meetings next month

131 We have 2 school districts on the May Election

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133 **Trustee Doster:**

134 **Trustee Devries:**

135 **ADJOURN: 8:05 PM**

136 **Respectfully:**

137 **Minute-Taker Lorraine Brown**