

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

2 June 15, 2022

3 6:30 PM at Prairieville Township Hall

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6 CALL TO ORDER

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

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9 ROLL CALL

10 Members present: Supervisor Stoneburner, Clerk Goebel, Treasurer Pence, Trustee  
11 DeVries and Trustee Doster

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13 Members absent: none

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15 There were also 7 members of the public present.

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17 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

18 All who were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States  
19 of America and a moment of silence for our troops.

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21 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22 Review of the agenda.

- 23 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Clerk Goebel, to approve the**
- 24 **agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried.**

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26 CONSENT AGENDA

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

30 a. Approval of May 18, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes and May 16, 2022  
31 Joint Meeting Minutes.

32 b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Building Report; Civil Fines;  
33 and Financial Report

- 34 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Clerk Goebel, to move financial**
- 35 **report to Treasurer's Report and then approve the consent agenda as**
- 36 **amended; all ayes, motion carried.**

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38 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

39 Commissioner Conner was unable to attend.

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

43 No comments

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45 FIRE REPORT

46 Tyler Brownell gave the report and an update about Safety Net, the new ambulance

47 service. A copy of it will be put on file.

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49 POLICE REPORT

50 There were no reps from the police department in attendance.

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52 PARKS' REPORT

53 Chairperson MaryAnn DeVries gave the report and passed a letter out to the board. A  
54 copy of the report will be put on file.

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56 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

- 57 1. Safety Net – The ambulance is currently at Hickory Fire Dept. It went live June 1.  
58 In 14 days, they have responded to 9 calls and took 5 patients to hospital. One  
59 patient was from Johnstown and Safety Net was able to help. The availability of  
60 EMT's is an issue and there are more EMT's being trained. The program is  
61 receiving positive feedback. The truck will be in Prairieville in July and switches the  
62 last Monday of each month. Supervisor Stoneburner said this is great for the  
63 community.
- 64 2. Woodhouse rezoning will be addressed later.
- 65 3. He is working with PCI to speed up enforcement of violations.
- 66 4. The search for a new police chief is ongoing.
- 67 5. Eric Longman from NCT stated safety concerns especially at Parker where it is so  
68 narrow. A walking bridge is possible. This will be discussed.
- 69 6. There were road updates completed with chip seal, dust control and mowing.

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71 TREASURER'S REPORT

72 Treasurer Pence is attempting to include more information on her report. Let her know if  
73 there is more needed. Update to the 2 CD's the township has. Currently they are getting  
74 one tenth of one percent. She is looking for a better rate when they mature. Discussion  
75 ensued about the amount owed to the Barry County Road Commission and individuals  
76 paying for road assessments. Treasurer Pence is getting set up for online payments of  
77 taxes. More information will be coming.

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79 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

80 Trustee Doster: Planning Commission had a good conversation about North Country Trail  
81 and possibly installing a boardwalk on Parker Road. The Planning Commission agreed  
82 that working together with parks and the township to hep NCT is the best way to go. Steps  
83 to do the boardwalk were discussed.

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85 Trustee DeVries: An alternate for Board of Review is needed. Trustee DeVries received  
86 an email from Dept. of Treasury and 2<sup>nd</sup> ARPA payment will be here in 30 days. He  
87 attended the election training today. Monday night the Crooked Lake weed assessment  
88 roll was completed to start in 2023.

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90 CLERK'S REPORT

91 There was an invitation from Bernard Museum to visit and take a tour. The Chamber of  
92 Commerce in Hastings contacted the township. It provides no benefits to the township

93 to join currently. There are webinars available through MTA. There was no interest at  
94 this time. Ballots are to be delivered Friday.

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96 PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 97 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Trustee DeVries, to pay bills in the**  
98 **amount of \$18,990.84, there was discussion about an incorrect coding that**  
99 **will be corrected; all ayes, motion carried.**

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101 Planning Commission Recommendation

102 The Woodhouse situation was discussed. Catherine Kaufman, Prairieville Township  
103 Attorney, has some concerns about the situation and has information she wants to see.

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- 105 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support Trustee DeVries, to table**  
106 **Woodhouse Zoning situation until July meeting; all ayes, motion carried.**

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108 Comment from Trustee DeVries: he apologized for the last meeting when he made a  
109 mistake. He voted no on the Woodhouse Zoning issue when he meant yes to deny it.  
110 Treasurer Pence mentioned that in reality it gave more time to look into the situation and  
111 get legal advice.

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113 Sexton Contract: Josh Wickman

114 It was decided by the board at the May meeting to hire Wickham Cemetery Care LLC to  
115 become the new sexton for the cemeteries. Clerk Goebel will notify funeral homes that  
116 Wickham will be the contact for burial. He also requested a copy of their insurance, and it  
117 will be sent over tomorrow. There was discussion on how Mr. Wickham will work with the  
118 township.

- 119 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Treasurer Pence, to approve agreement with**  
120 **Wickham Cemetery Care LLC; all ayes, motion carried.**

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122 Cemetery Fees.

123 Due to a new sexton the contract fee schedule needs to be modified. The new cemetery  
124 fee schedule can be found on the township website and at the township hall.

- 125 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Treasurer Pence, to adopt new cemetery**  
126 **fees based on the new cemetery fee schedule effective June 20, 2022; all**  
127 **ayes, motion carried.**

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129 MiDeal Subscription

130 There was interest for a Wex card for gas for fire, police and parks. The advantage of the  
131 Wex card is there are no motor vehicle taxes. One card is issued to each vehicle. To  
132 purchase a Wex card you need to be a MiDeal member. Besides helping with gas, the  
133 police and fire will have access to MiDeal. This can save hundreds of dollars on  
134 purchases. The cost for MiDeal is \$180.00.

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- 136 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support from Treasurer Pence, to purchase**  
137 **membership for MiDeal for \$180.00; all ayes, motion carried.**

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139 Buoy  
140 The DNR sent a concerned citizen to Supervisor Stoneburner to request a buoy at Pine  
141 Lake. Supervisor Stoneburner helped get the application ready. If this is approved by the  
142 DNR, the individual will be in charge. There is no cost for the township, but Supervisor  
143 Stoneburner wanted to make sure the township board was comfortable with his  
144 involvement. The board had no objections so he will turn the application in to the DNR  
145 office.

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

149 No comments

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151 BOARD COMMENTS

152 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thank you for attending.

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154 Treasurer Pence: I must apologize as I missed last month's meeting. I was at my  
155 granddaughter's soccer game and they won. In October I am going to a BS&A  
156 conference for treasurers. I am looking forward to it.

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158 Clerk Goebel: Thanks for coming. Pay attention at election training!

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160 Trustee DeVries: Thanks for coming and welcome Josh.

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162 Trustee Doster: I have a question for Treasurer Pence, "Does Prairieville have a policy  
163 as far as credit cards?" She answered that we do and offered to share it.

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165 Adjourned at 7:45 pm

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167 Respectfully submitted,

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170 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries

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