

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

2 July 20, 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, Treasurer Pence, Trustee DeVries and
11 Trustee Doster

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13 Members absent: Clerk Goebel

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15 There were also 10 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 Trustee Doster, 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 June 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes
- 31 b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Building Report; Civil Fines;
- 32 and Financial Report

- 33 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support by Supervisor Stoneburner, to approve**
- 34 **the consent agenda as listed; all ayes, motion carried.**

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36 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

37 The report was given and will be put on file.

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

41 Rachelle Smit

42 Candidate for State Representative

43 Rachelle Smit is running for State Representative for the 43rd district. She introduced
44 herself and shared her background. If Ms. Smit is elected she will do her best to protect
45 her constituents from government over reach. She passed out pamphlets to the board.

47 FIRE REPORT

48 Chief Uridge gave the report. He gave an update on Safety Net and the fact it is working
49 well. A copy of the report will be put on file.

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51 POLICE REPORT

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

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54 PARKS' REPORT

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

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57 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- 58 ○ Supervisor Stoneburner met with students from Pierce Cedar Creek at the GL Boat
59 Wash. It was a good meeting, and everyone was impressed with how GL wash
60 station is working.
- 61 ○ Just completed BOR for July. New member Craig Shumaker is now on the Board
62 of Review.
- 63 ○ An aging sewer line in Galesburg under the Am Track train tracks finally has the
64 required permits.
- 65 ○ Southwest Barry County Sewer and Water Authority is a couple of hookups ahead
66 of what they had projected.

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68 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 69 ○ Treasurer Pence has received the second part of ARPA funds. She also received
70 over \$58,000 for revenue sharing.
- 71 ○ The liability for Prairieville township for the library this year is \$59,356. Each year
72 this is going up. She did suggest that the library board look at giving townships a
73 break but received no response.
- 74 ○ A new addition, this year Prairieville Township can take payments online for taxes.

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76 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

77 Trustee Doster:

- 78 ○ The Planning Commission approved Mr. Shumaker's request for a permit.
- 79 ○ They also had a brief discussion about assisting the Parks Commission on a grant
80 for a boardwalk for North Country Trail.

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82 Trustee DeVries:

- 83 ○ The new sexton did an amazing job of cleaning up after the burial. It was a good
84 choice.
- 85 ○ Road projects look like everything is done. Trustee DeVries did hear from a
86 resident asking why their road was not chip sealed. Looking at the need
87 assessment from the Road Commission, their road is rated as needing work done
88 . Their road is need of a Mill and Fill before it can be chip sealed. Trustee DeVries
89 suggested that more communication after the report from BCRC needs to happen
90 with residents.
- 91 ○ Trustee DeVries talked about where the project is on Pine Lake Water Level and
92 hopes to find out more from Jim Dull. Supervisor Stoneburner will talk to Jim Dull

93 and see if he can find out more information.
94 ○ Trustee DeVries shared a list of possible projects to use ARPA funds for. These
95 included updated ADA compliant bathrooms, an updated website, an outdoor sign
96 for the township hall, paving for the cemetery, fire, parks, police, cement work in
97 garage and additional election equipment that may be needed. He is trying to get
98 quotes for these.

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100 CLERK'S REPORT

101 The clerk was not in attendance.
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103 PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 104 ● **Motion by Treasurer Pence, support from Trustee DeVries, to pay bills in**
105 **the amount of \$44,024.43 ; all ayes, motion carried.**
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107 Dr. Lartigue, Superintendent , Delton Kellogg

108 The new superintendent from Delton Schools introduced himself. He is honored to be
109 back in Delton. Dr. Lartigue grew up in Lansing, attended WMU, studied to become a
110 teacher, did his student teaching in Delton, his first teaching job was in Delton, and then
111 moved to Houston with his family. "It is wonderful to be home." Delton is going and through
112 a tough time with our beloved building going down. People have many memories that are
113 there, remember to keep those in your heart. The new building will be awesome. Reach
114 out if you need anything. On Founders Day his family will have burgers and hotdogs.
115 Please come out.
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117 Planning Commission Fee Schedule

118 This is coming up because of a need for clarification that PCI requested. After discussion
119 it was decided that charges need to be determined on the number of meetings.
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- 121 ● **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support from Trustee Doster, to adjust the**
122 **Planning Commission Fee Schedule removing the word single so if all**
123 **parcels are rezoned at one meeting the fee would be \$250.00. If an additional**
124 **meeting is needed, the applicant would incur additional fees, discussion**
125 **ensued; all ayes, motion carried.**
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127 Planning Commission Recommendation

128 Woodhouse rezoning was revisited and there was discussion.
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- 130 ● **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support from Trustee DeVries, to deny**
131 **zoning approval for the Woodhouse rezoning, more discussion ensued.**
132 **There was a roll call vote; all ayes except Clerk Goebel was absent. Motion**
133 **passed and zoning approval is denied.**
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135 Fire Department Vehicle

136 The PTFD put in a request to purchase a new rescue vehicle. Currently they have a Chevy
137 Tahoe that is 2 wheel drive with high mileage. They looked at 3 vehicles and the least
138 expensive is the Ford Explorer. In addition, they talked to other fire departments using a

139 Ford Explorer and received very positive feedback from them. PTFD will transfer as many
140 things as possible from the old vehicle to the new.

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- 142 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support from Supervisor Stoneburner, to approve**
143 **the request from the Fire Department to purchase a Ford Explorer and up to**
144 **\$18,000.00 to outfit it to be an emergency vehicle. The total is not to exceed**
145 **\$55,495 paid from ARPA fund. Roll call vote: all ayes except Clerk Goebel**
146 **was absent, motion passed.**

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148 Parks and Recreation Request

- 149 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support from Supervisor Stoneburner, to accept**
150 **the request from Prairieville Township Parks and Recreation for \$36,566.00**
151 **for two projects (updated cameras and skid piers) from ARPA funds, roll call**
152 **vote; all ayes except Clerk Goebel was absent, motion passed.**

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154 Ordinance 176

- 155 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, support from Treasurer Pence, to approve**
156 **Ordinance 176 a rezoning of property; roll call vote, all ayes except Clerk**
157 **Goebel was absent, motion was duly adopted on this date. It will be effective**
158 **8 days after publication.**

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

162 Richard Glassman
163 15760 Kane Rd.

164 Mr. Glassman asked about water quality and hopes to see immediate action. He will be
165 glad to help in any way. Until there is an answer is it business as usual? Supervisor
166 Stoneburner said probably. Supervisor Stoneburner will call EGLE tomorrow. His contact
167 at EGLE is Leslie Sorenson and her number 616-204-7334.

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169 Rick Walter
170 15828 Kane Rd.

171 Mr. Walter asked about the Woodhouse property home occupancy permit. Supervisor
172 Stoneburner said it will be a question for Planning and Zoning. Mr. Walter also asked
173 about progress on the fence ordinance. He was told it hadn't been brought up yet. Trustee
174 Doster who is on Planning and Zoning and Supervisor Stoneburner will talk to Mr. Walter
175 after the meeting. The last question was about a situation near his home. He said he is
176 disappointed he hasn't heard anything. Supervisor Stoneburner said he has a letter to
177 share with him after the meeting.

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179 Judy Pence
180 14470 Kane Rd.

181 Mrs. Pence had a question about possible marijuana processing on Kane Road. Are we
182 going to pursue this? Supervisor Stoneburner will call the attorney and get direction. He
183 suggested Mrs. Pence do the same.

184 BOARD COMMENTS

185 Supervisor Stoneburner: We have a bench by the fence in the cemetery given from an
186 anonymous donor. It is there in support of veterans. Thank you to this anonymous
187 donor. Thanks everyone for being here.

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189 Treasurer Pence: Thank you for letting us change the meeting from the 2nd to 3rd
190 Wednesday. It helped a lot.

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192 Clerk Goebel: Clerk Goebel was not in attendance.

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194 Trustee DeVries: Thank you for coming tonight. Remember if you vote, do not cross
195 parties.

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197 Trustee Doster: Thank you to Superintendent Lartigue for being here.

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199 Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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201 Respectfully submitted,

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204 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries

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