

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting
2 September 21, 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 p.m. by Supervisor Stoneburner.
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9 ROLL CALL

10 Members present: Supervisor Stoneburner, Treasurer Pence, Clerk Goebel, Trustee
11 DeVries and Trustee Doster
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13 Members absent: none
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15 There were also 34 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 August 17, 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 Treasurer Pence, to approve the**
34 **consent agenda as listed; all ayes, motion carried.**
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36 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

37 The report was given including special committees the Commissioner has attended. A
38 copy will be put on file.
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40 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for
41 the Recording Clerk.)

42 Steve Finup
43 7911 Cougar Dr.

44 We live on a private drive that is maintained by residents. Currently one home is being
45 used as a short-term rental. Since this happened there has been an increase in speed
46 on our road and more traffic. Also, private driveways are being driven in by non-

47 residents. We are concerned about the use of the road and safety of the residents. I
48 talked to the Planning Commission, and they suggested I talk to you. I am looking for
49 guidance. Supervisor Stoneburner will contact PCI to see what can be done.

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51 Wayne and Cindy Twitchell

52 12650 Pine Lake Road

53 They are new residents and introduced themselves. They are precinct delegates for the
54 Republican Party.

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56 Zach Greening

57 10957 Houvener Rd.

58 Mr. Greening is concerned about millage increase that he read about in the paper. He
59 asked for more communication in the future. Mr. Greening is not in support of an
60 increase. He ended by saying that this is a great community to live in.

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62 FIRE REPORT

63 Chief Uridge gave the report. Safety Net was used 4 times in August. A copy of the report
64 will be put on file.

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66 POLICE REPORT

67 Police Chief Reizin gave the report. A copy will be put on file. The board received an
68 update of armory systems we currently have. He is hoping to upgrade the system, so it is
69 uniform.

- 70 • **Motion by Trustee Doster, support Trustee DeVries, to accept the**
- 71 **recommendation to upgrade from Chief Reizin. All ayes, motion carried.**

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73 PARKS' REPORT

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

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76 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- 77 • Barry County Road Commission is working on some gravel roads.
- 78 • Supervisor Stoneburner asked to have guard rails repaired on Milo Road.
- 79 • He has received compliments on the cemetery and the good care from the new
80 sexton.
- 81 • Currently working with the new chief helping him get accustomed to the community.

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83 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 84 • The summer tax season is over.
- 85 • The general fund is at 1.8 million dollars for all departments.
- 86 • Treasurer Pence has been working with auditors to set up a special fund for ARPA
87 funds.
- 88 • Road assessments will be shared as soon as final expenses are put together.
- 89 • She will be at a conference in October.

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92 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

- 93 Trustee Doster:
- 94 • In October the Planning Commission had 2 public hearings that were both
 - 95 approved.
 - 96 • We are looking at a plan for a trail for NCT.

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- 98 Trustee DeVries:
- 99 • He brought up appointments that are up on December 31, 2022. There will be
 - 100 contacts made to see if these people want to continue.
 - 101 • Trustee DeVries talked about looking at weed assessments and if there is extra
 - 102 money left over.
 - 103 • All plastic needs to be removed from cemeteries by October 31st.
 - 104 • The Parks board appointment was discussed.
 - 105 • Ballot for election is now available to look at online. There are two lines for write in
 - 106 votes for the Parks Commission.
 - 107 • New Verizon tower has been staked out at Pine Lake Rec.

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109 CLERK'S REPORT

110 He is completing the Annual Report for the Road Commission. The rest of the things he

111 had to report have already been covered.

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113 PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 114 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Treasurer Pence, to pay bills in the**
- 115 **amount of \$46,995.34; all ayes, motion carried.**

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117 Friends of Barry County Parks

118 Michele from Friends of Barry County Parks was here about the millage renewal for

119 Charlton Park. It is a renewal that will cost the average homeowner around \$18.56 per

120 year. Everyone benefits from the park and the millage dollars are used to maintain facilities

121 and add improvements.

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123 Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

- 124 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Trustee DeVries, to open the Truth in**
- 125 **Taxation public hearing; all ayes, motion carried.**

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127 This hearing is required now, or the amount collected is limited. This does not increase

128 millage but allows us to collect the full amount that was approved by voters. We will not

129 collect more than we are authorized to claim.

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131 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for

132 the Recording Clerk.)

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134 Lorraine Brown

135 12710 Merlau Ave.

136 This is to recoup loss but not charge more in taxes to people, is that correct? The answer

137 was yes, they will only charge the amount approved.

- 138 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support Clerk Goebel, to close the public**

139 hearing; all ayes, motion carried.

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- 141 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Trustee DeVries, to adopt resolution 2022-**
- 142 **21. There was a roll call vote, all ayes, and the resolution was duly adopted**
- 143 **on this date.**
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145 Continuing Disclosure Contract

146 Due to the Watson Drain Bonds, we are obligated to file continuing disclosure. This will
147 be done until we are under 10% of what we owe **is owed**. The auditor strongly
148 recommends using PFM Financial Advisers.

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- 150 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support Supervisor Stoneburner, to hire PFM to do**
- 151 **the qualifying statement report; all ayes, motion carried.**
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153 Resolution 2022-20 Pine Lake-Doster Road

154 Drain Commissioner, Jim Dull explained the process and his need of approval to install a
155 gravity pipe within the county right of way for Doster Road. This project is to help Pine
156 Lake with their water level issue. The board had a few questions. Trustee DeVries shared
157 some thoughts including how much is in project now and if it stops, who pays that. Pine
158 Lake will still pay even if the project is stopped.

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160 There was a discussion that everything for this project is in Allegan County. Jim Dull said
161 he wanted Prairieville to be aware of what they are doing since most of Pine Lake is in
162 Prairieville Township. The Barry County Road Commission takes care of the road and
163 they have already signed in approval of this.

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- 165 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Trustee Doster, to table this resolution**
- 166 **until the November board meeting when Gun Plain Township's decision will**
- 167 **be known; all ayes, motion carried.**
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169 Budget amendment

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- 171 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Treasurer Pence, to approve the audit**
- 172 **report; all ayes, motion carried.**
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- 174 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Treasurer Pence, to approve budget**
- 175 **amendment #1 for 2021-2022 from the auditors. Roll call vote, all ayes, the**
- 176 **budget amendment was approved on this date.**
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178 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for
179 the Recording Clerk.)

180 Craig Shumaker
181 7402 Bendere Rd.

182 Mr. Shumaker asked if the board had to approve the recommendation from the Planning
183 Commission for his property.

- 184 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Trustee DeVries, to adopt the**

185 **planning commission recommendation for the Shumaker property; all ayes,**
186 **motion carried.**

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188 Michelle Marger
189 11751 Fords Point Dr.
190 She had a question about the bill for the water level project. It is currently \$250,000 -
191 \$300.000.

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193 BOARD COMMENTS
194 Supervisor Stoneburner:
195 Thank you, Michele, Jim and Vivian. I am glad everyone came and was at our meeting.

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197 Treasurer Pence:
198 Thanks for coming. Welcome Mike.

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200 Clerk Goebel:
201 Thank you all.

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203 Trustee DeVries:
204 Thank you, Jim, for being here.

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206 Trustee Doster:
207 Nothing at this time.

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209 Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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211 Respectfully submitted,

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214 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries

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