

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

2 October 19, 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 6:35 p.m. by Supervisor Stoneburner.

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9 ROLL CALL

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

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13 Members absent: Treasurer Pence was at a conference.
14 There were also 15 members of the public present.

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16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

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

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20 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

21 Review of the agenda.

- 22 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee DeVries, to approve the**
23 **agenda; all ayes, motion carried.**

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25 CONSENT AGENDA

26 *All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the board and will be*
27 *enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If*
28 *discussion is required, it will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered*
29 *separately.*

- 30 a. Approval of September 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- 31 b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Building Report; Civil Fines;
32 and Financial Report

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34 Trustee DeVries requested that the approval of regular board meeting minutes from
35 September 21, 2022, be removed from the consent agenda.

- 36 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Clerk Goebel, to approve the**
37 **consent agenda without the minutes of September 21, 2022; all ayes,**
38 **motion carried.**

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40 The minutes of Sept. 21, 2022 were discussed. There are two corrections that need to
41 be made.

- 42 1. On line 104 it should be “October 1” not October 31.
- 43 2. On line 148 it should read “what is owed” instead of what we owe.
- 44 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Clerk Goebel, to approve the**
45 **regular meeting minutes 9-21-2022 as revised; all ayes, motion carried.**
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47 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

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

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

52 No comments.

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54 FIRE REPORT

55 Chief Uridge gave the report. Safety Net was used 4 times during the month. A copy of
56 the report will be put on file.

- 57 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner, to get the**
58 **process moving with a new candidate for the fire department.**

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60 POLICE REPORT

61 Police Chief Reizin gave the report. A copy will be put on file.

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63 Paul Green, a candidate for our new patrol officer who will work with the Chief Reizin, was
64 introduced. He was in attendance with his family and he introduced them.

- 65 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Trustee Doster, to offer the**
66 **patrol officer position to Paul Green subject to him passing a physical; all**
67 **eyes, motion carried.**

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69 PARKS' REPORT

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

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72 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- 73 • Both sewer boards have had audits completed and there were no issues.
- 74 • John Crum was in attendance and gave an update for Gull Lake Sewer and Water
75 Authority changes. He will be back in front of the board to discuss a rate resolution
76 later.

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78 TREASURER'S REPORT

79 Treasurer Pence was not in attendance. She is attending a conference. Her reports will
80 be put on file.

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82 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

83 Trustee Doster: Planning Commission did not meet this month.

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85 Trustee DeVries: Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet. Trustee DeVries has questions
86 about revenue but will talk to Judy when she returns.

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88 CLERK'S REPORT

89 There have been 750 absentee ballots processed with 40-60 walk ins each day. He
90 estimates that around 200 have been returned at this time.

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93 PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 94 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee DeVries, to pay bills in the**
95 **amount of \$100,268.51; all ayes, motion carried.**

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97 Ambulance Agreement

98 There is an ambulance agreement with LifeCare for the Safety Net program. The only
99 change is decreased time for Safety Net from 30 minutes to 27 minutes for Safety Net to
100 be used. The advantage of Safety Net is they can do transport or a meet another
101 ambulance if needed. There are a couple of errors on the agreement. These have been
102 corrected.

- 103 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Trustee DeVries, to**
104 **approve the Safety Net Ambulance Contract, discussion; all ayes, motion**
105 **carried.**

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107 Special Assessments

108 Trustee DeVries went over special assessments. Assessments for next year will be on
109 this winter's tax bill. Next year's weed assessments for Crooked Lake and Pine Lake were
110 determined. The amount for Pine Lake is half of last year's due to carryover money. The
111 amount for Crooked Lake remained the same although the first year of the project was
112 free for them.

113 The special road assessments for Merlau and Southgate both came in lower than
114 estimated. This assessment will be on the tax bill. More information can be found on the
115 website regarding payment.

- 116 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Clerk Goebel, to adopt the 2 weed**
117 **assessments and 2 road assessments; all ayes, motion carried.**

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119 Police Vehicle

120 We are in need of a police vehicle. A Chevrolet Tahoe was found at Berger Chevrolet in
121 Grand Rapids. It is a 4-wheel drive vehicle, with a police package and road ready. The
122 price for this 2023 vehicle is \$56,126.00 through a Municipal Discount. Chief Reizin
123 proposed this opportunity to the board.

- 124 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve**
125 **the purchase of the police vehicle for \$56,126.00 funded through ARPA**
126 **funds; all ayes, motion carried.**

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128 Security

129 A two-part estimate for security issues/improvements in the police station was presented.
130 The full amount is \$13,190.00.

- 131 • **Motion by Trustee Doster, supported by Trustee DeVries, to approve the**
132 **security improvements for the Police Station. ARPA funds will pay for**
133 **\$7840.00 of this for the improved security package and \$5350.00 for improved**
134 **doors and windows will come out of the police budget. All votes were ayes**
135 **and motion carried.**

139 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for
140 the Recording Clerk.)
141 County Commissioner, Vivian Conner, asked about the date for the November meeting.
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143 BOARD COMMENTS

144 Supervisor Stoneburner:
145 Good to see everyone. Welcome aboard Paul!

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147 Treasurer Pence:
148 Absent

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150 Clerk Goebel:
151 Welcome Paul! Also, thank you MaryAnn for your work on the Parks Board. It is a good
152 group and you kept them moving forward.

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154 Trustee DeVries:
155 Welcome Paul! Vivian, thanks for everything you have done for Prairieville Township.

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157 Trustee Doster:
158 Welcome Paul and thank you to everyone for being here.

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160 Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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162 Respectfully submitted,

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165 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries

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