

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

2 November 9, 2022

3 6:30 PM at Prairieville Township Hall

4  
5  
6 CALL TO ORDER

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

8  
9 ROLL CALL

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

12  
13 Members absent: Clerk Goebel

14  
15 There were also 22 members of the public present.

16  
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.

20  
21 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

22 Review of the agenda.

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

25  
26 CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 31 a. Approval of October 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes
- 32 b. Reports received: Revenue/Expenditure Report; Building Report; Civil Fines;  
33 and Financial Report

- 34  
35 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve the**  
36 **consent agenda; all ayes, motion carried.**

37  
38 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

39 Commissioner Conner gave the report. One thing she discussed was the possibility of  
40 looking into giving bonuses to employees with ARPA funds. She encouraged people to  
41 email her at: [vconner@barrycounty.org](mailto:vconner@barrycounty.org) with input. A copy of the report will be put on  
42 file.

43  
44 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for  
45 the Recording Clerk.)

46 There were no comments.

47 FIRE REPORT

48 The Fire Report was submitted and a copy of it will be put on file.

49

50 POLICE REPORT

51 Police Chief Reizin gave the report.

52

53 PARKS' REPORT

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

55

56 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

57 Resolution for Access Point Study for M43 around Gull Lake

- 58 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to accept the Access Point Study**
- 59 **resolution 2022-22 to send to MDOT, supported by Trustee Doster.**
- 60 **Supervisor Stoneburner read the resolution. There was discussion about the**
- 61 **55-mph speed limit and the need for this study. Roll call vote; all ayes except**
- 62 **Clerk Goebel was absent, motion carried and duly adopted on this date.**

63

64 TREASURER'S REPORT

65 Treasurer Pence gave her report going over the financial statements and  
66 explaining/clarifying them for the board. She discussed the need for 4 new office chairs.  
67 Treasurer Pence said she would price them and get back with information. Tax bills will  
68 be mailed out the last week in November.

69

70 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

71 Trustee Doster: The Planning Commission is tomorrow night with a public meeting.

72

73 Trustee DeVries: Election was a huge turnout – 930 ballots went through the tabulator  
74 besides the large number of absentee ballots. The workers were great help and things  
75 went smooth. Overall it went well. Thank you to everyone for your patience as you waited  
76 in line.

77

78 CLERK'S REPORT

79 The Clerk Report will go on file.

80

81 PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 82 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Treasurer Pence, to pay**
- 83 **bills in the amount of \$8,817.61; all ayes, motion carried.**

84

85 CONSENT AGENDA

86 Trustee DeVries explained the process and history of trying the consent agenda. His  
87 thought was that no time is being saved with the consent agenda at this time.

- 88 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to remove the consent agenda from the current**
- 89 **format and go back to the previous format, supported by Supervisor**
- 90 **Stoneburner; all ayes, motion carried.**

91

92 RESOLUTION 2022-20 PINE LAKE

93 Jim Dull gave an update which included:

- 94 • Gun Plains will not be acting on the request to install a gravity pipe within the
- 95 county right of way until there is a permit from EGLE. Mr. Dull suggested to table
- 96 the resolution 2022-20 until Gun Plains decides.
- 97 • There will be a survey that goes out to Pine Lake residents about water level.
- 98 This will include your current level and what you believe it should ideally be at.
- 99 Drain Commissioner Dull also wants to ask the County Commissioners to go
- 100 back to the courts and review the lake level. This will be after survey results.
- 101
- 102 • **Motion by Trustee Doster to table resolution 2022-20 until the December**
- 103 **meeting, supported by Trustee DeVries; all ayes, motion carried.**
- 104

105 PARKING LOT SALTING

- 106 • **Motion by Treasurer Pence, supported by Trustee Doster, to get a contract**
- 107 **as soon as possible for salting parking lots; all ayes, motion carried.**
- 108

109 PARKS MANAGER SALARIED POSITION

- 110 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve the**
- 111 **parcs manager employment contract; all ayes, motion carried.**
- 112

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

114 the Recording Clerk.)

115 Barry Bower, Barry Township Supervisor

116 Home address: 3200 Osborne Rd. in Delton, MI

117 Mr. Bower gave input on the bonus that the county is considering for some employees.

118 He stated it would be detrimental to smaller towns and their hiring abilities.

119 The new Pickle Ball courts were also mentioned. Supervisor Stoneburner suggested a

120 game be held between Barry Township and Pine Lake pickleball groups. Also Dec. 10

121 will be Delton's Hometown Christmas.

122

123 Linda Breither

124 10824 South Drive

125 Plainwell, MI

126 Mrs. Breither is concerned about the ambulance service. She asked for more

127 information about the new Safety Net system. Trustee Doster discussed it and shared

128 the information about the program. If an ambulance is called and it will take over 30

129 minutes to arrive, Safety Net is dispatched. Safety Net is through Life Care ambulance.

130 They provide an ambulance that is either at Hickory Corners Fire Department or

131 Prairieville Fire Department. The Fire Departments provide the Emergency Medical

132 Staff to man it. Mrs. Breither is concerned that people are confused by this. More

133 information will be on the back of the newsletter. Other ways to communicate were

134 discussed including the website.

135

136 Mrs. Breither asked a question about being taxed for trying to come to a solution for the

137 lake level issue at Pine Lake. Supervisor Stoneburner explained it is an issue to discuss

138 with Drain Commissioner Dull.

139  
140  
141  
142  
143  
144  
145  
146  
147  
148  
149  
150  
151  
152  
153  
154  
155  
156  
157  
158  
159  
160

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Stoneburner: Thank you for being here and your questions. I appreciate the good relationship we have with Barry Township.

Treasurer Pence: Thanks for coming, thank you Mary Ann and Mike for your work. Thank you, Ted, for all you did for the election.

Clerk Goebel: Absent after a very long Election Day

Trustee DeVries: Verizon Tower is being built at Pine Lake Rec Center.

Trustee Doster: Thank you for being here.

Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Bliss DeVries