

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting

2 January 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM

3 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, Trustee/Temporary Clerk
11 DeVries and Trustee Doster

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13 Members absent at the table: Clerk Goebel

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15 There were also 9 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/Temporary Clerk DeVries, supported by Trustee Doster,**
24 **to approve the agenda as amended; all eyes, motion carried.**

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26 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 27 • **Motion by Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries, supported by Treasurer**
28 **Pence, to approve the December 21, 2022, minutes of the regular board**
29 **meeting as corrected; all eyes, motion carried.**

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31 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

32 Commissioner David Jackson introduced himself. He now represents part of Prairieville
33 Township as a County Commissioner. This is his eighth year as commissioner. He also
34 gave a short update on progress so far this year.

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

38 There was no public comment.

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40 RESOLUTION 2023-01

41 Garrett Lennon gave a report on Safety Net and how much it has been used since it
42 began – around 10 calls a month. The bumps in the growing process have been worked
43 out. There are 3 more EMT's who have been licensed and 4 more in class between
44 Hickory Fire Department and Prairieville Fire Department.

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46 Supervisor Stoneburner read a resolution to thank Garrett Lennon for his valiant effort in

47 establishing the Safety Net Program.

- 48 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, support from Trustee/Temporary Clerk**
- 49 **DeVries, to accept resolution 2023-01 and thank Mr. Lennon for his support**
- 50 **and work at providing this essential service. Roll call vote, all ayes; motion**
- 51 **was duly adopted on January 18, 2023.**

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53 FIRE REPORT

54 The Fire Report will be put on file.

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56 POLICE REPORT

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

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59 PARKS REPORT

60 There was no representative present.

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62 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- 63 ○ Supervisor Stoneburner received a contract from Green Gables and shared it with
- 64 Treasurer Pence.
- 65 ○ There has been PCI involvement including a Dangerous Building hearing. One
- 66 home on Stoney Point will be torn down.
- 67 ○ There has been interest from 2 builders in the bathroom project at the township
- 68 hall.

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70 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 71 ○ Pooled Account \$1.4 million
- 72 ○ Fund balances are as of Dec. 30
- 73 ○ Another tax disbursement will be done on Jan. 19, 2023
- 74 • **Motion by Treasurer Pence, support from Supervisor Stoneburner to pay the**
- 75 **Barry County Drain Commissioner \$61,112.90; all ayes, motion carried.**

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77 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

78 Trustee Doster:

- 79 ○ Planning Commission public hearing on hold while the owners submit restructured
- 80 drawings.
- 81 ○ Outside storage will be on the table next month as they asked that corrections be
- 82 done.

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84 Trustee DeVries:

- 85 ○ Zoning Board of Appeals had 2 public hearings from Pine Lake in January
- 86 ○ MTA conference is in April at Traverse City and registration is open now.

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88 CLERK'S REPORT given by Temporary Clerk

- 89 ○ Temporary Clerk DeVries discussed the PCI report and the Revenue
- 90 Expenditure Report

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93 PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 94 • **Motion by Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries, support from Treasurer**
95 **Pence, to pay the bills in the amount of \$43,888.24; all ayes, motion carried.**
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97 PLM CONTRACT UPPER CROOKED LAKE

98 The Upper Crooked Lake weed assessment project has been approved but there needs
99 to be a signed contract with PLM. This assessment begins the summer of 2023 and
100 goes to 2029.

- 101 • **Motion by Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries, support from Trustee Doster,**
102 **to approve signing the approved contract with PLM Lake and Land**
103 **Management for the Upper Crooked Lake weed assessment project; all**
104 **ayes, motion carried.**
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107 RESOLUTION 2022-20: PINE LAKE-DOSTER ROAD

108 Supervisor Stoneburner explained that this is a resolution that we have been putting on
109 hold trying to get more information. At this time we haven't heard anything more.
110 Commissioner Jackson explained that the priority is for Gun Plain to sign the resolution.
111 Though Prairieville is not as critical to sign, the Drain Commissioner would like that also.
112 There was a discussion.

- 113 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to table resolution 2022-20 until**
114 **February of 2023, support from Trustee Doster; all ayes, motion carried.**
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116 RESOLUTION 2022-23: SPEED STUDY

- 117 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to table 2022-23 speed study until**
118 **February of 2023, support from Trustee Doster, discussion; all ayes,**
119 **motion carried.**
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121 RECYCLING COORDINATOR ALTERNATE

122 Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries explained the need to get a list of substitutes that can
123 be used if the regular coordinator is not available for recycling.

- 124 • **Motion by Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries to create a recycling**
125 **coordinator alternate list, support from Supervisor Stoneburner; all ayes,**
126 **motion carried.**
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128 MINUTE TAKER ALTERNATE

129 Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries explained the need to get a list of substitutes that can
130 be used for alternate minute taker.

- 131 • **Motion by Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries to create an alternate minute**
132 **taker list, support from Supervisor Stoneburner; all ayes, motion carried.**
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134 TEMPORARY CLERK

135 Since Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries will be unavailable for a good part of February,
136 his appointment needs to be discussed. Clerk Goebel and Trustee/Temporary Clerk
137 DeVries are suggesting the Temporary Clerk position goes through next Tuesday,
138 January 24, 2023. The board can then appoint Trustee DeVries as Acting Temporary

139 Deputy Clerk until Deputy Clerk Beazley can return.

140 • **Motion by Treasurer Pence to end Trustee DeVries as temporary clerk on**
141 **Jan. 24,2023, support from Trustee Doster; all ayes, motion carried.**

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143 • **Motion by Treasurer Pence that effective Jan. 25 Trustee DeVries also**
144 **becomes Acting Deputy Clerk, support from Trustee Doster; all ayes,**
145 **motion carried.**

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147 POVERTY EXEMPTIONS

148 This will no longer have to be done every year. It will be an automatic renewal unless
149 the board acts.

150 • **Motion by Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries, support from Treasurer**
151 **Pence, to accept resolution 2023-02 approving Poverty Guidelines with a**
152 **0% increase; roll call vote; all ayes, motion carried. This was declared**
153 **approved on Jan. 18, 2023.**

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155 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

156 Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries explained the need for budget adjustments and
157 addressed them.

158 • **Motion by Trustee/Temporary Clerk DeVries to approve budget**
159 **adjustments for 2022-2023, support Treasurer Pence; all ayes, motion**
160 **carried.**

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

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165 David Jackson

166 County Commissioner

167 Mr. Jackson appreciates the information he received at the meeting. He asked about
168 security audits for schools. He suggested working with local police and MCTI to do that
169 if it is not in place. There is a church security conference coming up in Middleville on
170 February 25. This is open to public. He also shared the availability of grants for rural
171 internet.

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173 BOARD COMMENTS

174 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thank you Ted for stepping in. Glad to see Rod on his feet.
175 Thank you to everyone for being here.

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177 Treasurer Pence: Thanks for being here. We will miss Jim's mom.

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179 Temporary Clerk/Trustee DeVries: Thank you Commissioner Jackson for coming
180 tonight. Jim, your mom was a neat lady, I have great memories of her. One of my
181 favorites is when she dressed up as a Motorcycle Mama for Halloween one year.

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183 Trustee Doster: Thank you for attending. Good to see Rod.

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185 Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.
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187 Respectfully submitted,
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190 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries
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