

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Meeting February  
2 15, 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 6:33pm by Supervisor Stoneburner.  
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9 ROLL CALL

10 Members present: Supervisor Stoneburner, Treasurer Pence, Clerk Goebel, and Trustee Doster

11 Members absent at the table: Trustee DeVries

12 There were also 15 members of the public present.  
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14 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

15 All who were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of  
16 America and a moment of silence for our troops.  
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18 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

19 Review of the agenda.

- 20 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Trustee Doster to approve the**  
21 **agenda as amended; all ayes, motion carried.**  
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23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 24 • **Motion by Treasurer Pence, supported by Clerk Goebel to approve the January 18,**  
25 **2023, minutes of the regular board meeting; all ayes, motion carried.**  
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27 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:

28 Nobody presents.  
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30 PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per person) (Please state your name and address for the  
31 Recording Clerk.)

32 There was no public comment.

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34 FIRE REPORT

35 The Fire Report will be put on file.

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37 POLICE REPORT

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

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40 PARKS REPORT

41 A copy of the report will be put on file.

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43 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- 44 ○ Demo of home on Stony Point is in the process and paid for by owner.
- 45 ○ Petro's is doing excavating on M-89 and PCI is monitoring.
- 46 ○ Barry Co Sewer Authority is replacing doors and it is going well.
- 47 ○ No word for M-43 access point study still tabled but needs to be done.
- 48 ○ Board of Review Organizational meeting March 7, 2023. The board meets March 13 &  
49 14, 2023, and will be posted in "The Banner."

50 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 51 ○ Pooled Account \$ 1.7 million.
- 52 ○ Another tax disbursement will be done on February 19, 2023
- 53 ○ Taxes are done.

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55 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

56 Trustee Doster:

- 57 ○ Had a Planning Commission last week: finalized some of the verbiage for defining  
58 storage.
- 59 ○ Yearly work plan for weather review.

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62 CLERK'S REPORT

- 63 ○ We have a May 2023, election, contact clerk for more information.  
64 ○ Sold first cremation space in the cemetery, an ordinance was amended to allow up to  
65 eight cremation spaces per grave.  
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67 PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 68 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Treasurer Pence, to pay the bills in the**  
69 **amount of \$77,709.68; all ayes, motion carried.**  
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71 RECYCLING CARD POLICY

72 In the past, township residents' first 20-gallon container of recyclables did not incur a punch to  
73 the punch card. But because of a fuel surcharge now being added to each deliver it is no longer  
74 feasible to exercise the free first container policy. New policy will take effect March 1, 2023.

- 75 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, support from Treasurer Pence, to change the punch card**  
76 **policy to eliminate the free 20-gallon container of recyclables and one punch for**  
77 **every 20-gallon container; all ayes, motion carried.**

78 RICH LANE DRIVE PROJECT

- 79 ○ Asked to have a special assessment created to chipseal their road. The road is not in  
80 terrible condition, but they want to preserve what they have.  
81 ○ They need to be contacted with more discussion on additional cost for attorney fees,  
82 public meetings and public mailings.  
83 ○ Discussion was held and no action was taken.  
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85 RESERVE OFFICER

- 86 ○ Reinstatement of Reserve Officer Program  
87 ○ Mark Flick has been chosen to fill that position as he is a supporting member of the  
88 community and with his knowledge of the area and being involved with the fire  
89 department and first aid/ ambulance experience will make and an additional asset to the  
90 job.  
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92 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Clerk Goebel to appoint Mark**  
93 **Flick as Prairieville Township Reserve Officer. He will be sworn in after the**  
94 **adjournment of the meeting. All ayes, motion carried.**  
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97 PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

98 James A Fish Jr is resigning from the Planning Commission due to an increase in obligations and  
99 is nominating Craig Shoemaker to fill his position.

- 100       • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Clerk Goebel to appoint Craig**  
101       **Shoemaker to replace Jim Fish on the Planning Commission. Term ending 12/31/23**  
102       **All ayes, motion carried.**

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

- 106       ○ Cindy Twitchell, 12650 Pine Lake Road, (269) 270-7039  
107             ○ Cindy is revitalizing the Barry County GOP and looking for people to participate.  
108             ○ Next meeting is March 9, 2023 ( 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month) at the Waldorf in  
109             Hastings at 7 p.m. on the top (3<sup>rd</sup> ) floor.

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111 BOARD COMMENTS

112 **Supervisor Stoneburner:** I want to thank everyone for being here. It's nice to have all the  
113 participation from our residents and congratulations on all the appointments. We're pretty lucky  
114 here in our township to have good police and fire staff, we couldn't do it without the you guys;  
115 Mark, Tyler, TK, Devin and Cassy, we really appreciate everything you do for our township. If  
116 you can find some more people to join in and to participate with us, I think great leadership  
117 would make it worth their while to feel like part of our community and that willingness to serve,  
118 there's a lot of it around here that I see. It's nice to have the young people that want to get  
119 involved today. Thank you for being here.

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121 **Treasurer Pence:** Thanks for coming and welcome back Rod.

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123 **Clerk Goebel:** Congratulations Captain, Chief, Mr. Commissioner, and everyone participating,  
124 we need everybody. Thank you everyone, it's good to be back.

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

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127 Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

128 Respectfully submitted,

129 Becky J Kloth