

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Board Meeting
2 April 17, 2024; 6:30 PM at Prairieville Township Hall

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4 CALL TO ORDER

5 The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Supervisor Stoneburner.
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7 ROLL CALL

8 Members present: Supervisor Stoneburner, Clerk Goebel, Treasurer Pence,
9 Trustee DeVries and Trustee Doster
10 Attorney Catherine Kaufman was also in attendance.
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12 Members absent: none
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14 There were 7 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 of
18 America and a moment of silence for our troops.
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20 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 21 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to approve the agenda as amended, supported by**
22 **Clerk Goebel; all ayes, motion carried.**
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24 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 25 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Clerk Goebel, to approve the**
26 **minutes of March 20, 2024, regular board meeting as presented; all ayes,**
27 **motion carried.**
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29 PINE LAKE WEEDS

30 This meeting was informational. Trustee DeVries gave an overview of the project. There
31 are two options if the weed treatment continues. There could be a 5-year plan or a 7- year
32 plan. The 5-year contract would cost \$70.14 per parcel with one sonar treatment. A back
33 lot would cost \$35.07. The 7-year plan would be \$79.92 per parcel and \$39.96 for back
34 lots. This includes 2 sonar treatments. The sonar treatments are budgeted but would be
35 used only if necessary. Every October the fund balances would be looked at and the
36 amount per parcel could be adjusted.
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38 Andy Tomaszewski was in attendance from PLM. The meeting was opened for Andy to
39 give his input and allow residents to ask questions. Mr. Tomaszewski gave a history of
40 the project. This would be a continuation of it. Starry Stonewort has become more
41 prominent in Pine Lake. Cabomba is a newer species that is spreading around. It has not
42 been seen in Pine Lake yet. Hydrilla was found at a swamp pond in Barry County last
43 year. It is under control and so far, has not been spreading. New treatments are available
44 for Milfoil that they are investigating.
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46 Questions – There were no questions from the public in attendance at this time. Clerk

47 Goebel asked about the 5 and 7-year plans and which Andy felt was better. Andy felt they
48 would be fine with either plan.

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50 Public Comment on Pine Lake Weeds

51 Greg Yarworth
52 11727 Ford Point Dr.

53 Mr. Yarworth had a group that got PLM out for the first 5 years of treatments. Mike and
54 Nancy Whitney did this for the next 7-year assessment. He encouraged the board to
55 bypass getting signatures if there was any way this could happen. Mr. Yarworth
56 preferred the 7-year plan. He asked Andy about a guarantee of the price quoted. The
57 answer was the price was guaranteed for the 1st and 2nd years. Knowing this he
58 encouraged the board to look at the 7-year plan.

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60 Attorney Kaufman said the board can decide to go ahead with the project. A stop
61 petition would need 20% of signatures of owners. This would block the project and over
62 50% of signatures would have to be collected to start it back up. A Resolution of Intent
63 was discussed.

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- 65 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Trustee Doster, to adopt**
66 **resolution 2024-18 establishing a weed assessment district for Pine Lake.**
67 **There was a roll call vote; all ayes, the motion carried.**

68 May 22, 2024, at 7 pm was set for the 1st meeting with the public.

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70 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

71 County Commissioner David Jackson was unable to stay for the meeting. He did report
72 that when the county has their solar and wind ordinances completed, he will share them
73 with Prairieville.

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

77 Cindy Twichell
78 12650 Pine Lake Rd

79 She provided an update that Barry County passed a two-way resolution supporting the
80 constitution.

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82 FIRE REPORT

83 The report will be put on file.

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85 POLICE REPORT

86 The report was given by Chief Reizin and a copy will be put on file. Chief Riezen shared
87 about a car being stopped on M43 and Hickory Rd. A large amount of drugs was found
88 including 2 ounces of meth. There was a pipe bomb that was disabled by Kalamazoo
89 Bomb Squad. The road was shut down during this time.

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91 PARKS REPORT

92 David Haas was in attendance to represent the Parks and provide updates. Signs are all

93 made and weather permitting they will be put up very soon. They have applied for a grant
94 for new picnic tables. There will be a new launch at Pine Lake. People are thrilled about
95 that. At Gull Lake they are moving the floating dock to the other side. There is a scout
96 project to make a pathway with native plants and to spruce things up. The other pathway
97 will be torn out and that area is getting cleaned up. David gave a report on fishing
98 tournaments. They are looking at adding more kayak launches in other lakes. The slide
99 at Municipal will be replaced and there will be a new playground at Pine Lake Rec.

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101 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

102 Supervisor Stoneburner

103 He has completed the easement for the property behind the fire station.

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105 TREASURER'S REPORT

106 Treasurer Pence

107 There is \$2.2 million in the pooled account. It earned interest of \$514.22.

108 The Parks have earned \$125.65 with their money.

109 The General Fund is \$956,000.00. Things are looking good right now.

110 The cost of stamps is going up again. She will be providing information for vendors so that
111 the township will have the ability to pay them online.

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113 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

114 Trustee Doster: The Planning Commission decided in April to wait until after the election
115 before addressing solar and wind energy systems. This is due to the petition going around
116 to put wind and solar back in the hands of townships. If that passes, we will be looking at
117 ordinances. The PC also had a conversation about clear cutting and lot coverages.

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119 Trustee DeVries:

120 The ZBA had a request to build a garage on Oak Dr. It would have to use part of the
121 setback to do this. It was approved because older existing garages are out toward the
122 road as much if not more than his request. Merlau had several vehicles broken into.

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124 CLERK'S REPORT

125 Clerk Goebel

126 We had a successful recycle event last time. There are more than 50 signatures on the
127 petition for solar and wind. VFW will spend a day cleaning up the cemetery,

- 128 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee DeVries, to approve payment**
129 **of the bills in the amount of \$98,341.38; Trustee DeVries had a question**
130 **regarding the date of the payment for the bathroom construction. Discussion**
131 **followed. Vote was all ayes, motion carried.**

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133 FIREWORKS APPLICATION

- 134 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve the Pine**
135 **Lake fireworks permit for 2024, if updated liability forms are provided; all**
136 **ayes, motion carried.**

137 DK BASS CLUB REQUEST

138 There was a letter from the Delton Kellogg Bass Club asking to have access to the Parks

139 for the club. The Parks Board has already given them this permission.

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141 POWER WASH HALL

142 Waynd Bourdo gave a bid of \$480.00 to power wash the township building.

- 143 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Clerk Goebel, to approve**
144 **Wayne Bourdo to power wash the township hall; all ayes, motion carried.**

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146 ESTABLISHING ORDINANCE OFFICER POSITION

147 Ordinance 179 is to establish the position of Ordinance Officer for ordinances and zoning
148 enforcement.

149 **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner to adopt**
150 **ordinance 179. Roll call vote:**

151 **Trustee Doster abstained.**

152 **Clerk Goebel – aye**

153 **Trustee DeVries – aye**

154 **Supervisor Stoneburner – aye**

155 **Treasurer Pence - aye**

156 **This passed and will be in effect upon publication.**

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158 RESOLUTIONS

159 Resolution 2024-17 is a resolution to employ an officer.

- 160 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Clerk Goebel, to approve a**
161 **resolution 2024-17 to appoint Mark Doster as ordinance officer.**

162 **Roll call vote:**

163 **Trustee Doster abstained.**

164 **Clerk Goebel – aye**

165 **Trustee DeVries – aye**

166 **Supervisor Stoneburner – aye**

167 **Treasurer Pence - aye**

168 **This passed and is duly adopted on this date.**

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170 Allocated Millage 2024-18 tabled until May 8.

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172 Road Millage 2024-19 tabled until May 8.

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174 Fire Millage 2024-20 tabled until May 8.

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176 Police Millage 2024-21 tabled until May 8.

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178 Trustee Salary 2024-22

- 179 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner, to adopt**
180 **2024-22 regarding trustee salaries, roll call vote: all ayes. It was duly adopted**
181 **on this date.**

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

185 Nancy Lott
186 9530 Milo Road
187 She is concerned she is a bad penny that keeps coming back. Ms. Lott has tried several
188 ways of communicating her concerns about lots near her. She has reached a dead end.
189 This is an ongoing issue and PCI is looking into it, but it is taking so long.

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191 Ms. Lott asked, "When is the effective date for the Ordinance Enforcement Officer?" The
192 answer is the date of publication. She asked that her name be on the list of needs.
193 Supervisor Stoneburner explained she is already on this. This is in reference to 3
194 properties. Ms. Lott also asked who she should contact, and Supervisor Stoneburner
195 answered *PCI for now*. Supervisor Stoneburner assured her they would be working on
196 this and would keep Ms. Lott informed.

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198 Jerry McCoy
199 7420 Crooked Lake
200 Revitalize Delton is trying to enhance the quality of life for the Delton Area. He told
201 about projects they are working on. There is also a Delton Kellogg Education
202 Foundation that does so much for the schools. A Spring Fling that is a fundraiser is
203 coming up. For more information go to the web page, www.RevitalizeDelton.org

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205 BOARD COMMENTS

206 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thanks for staying and expressing interest in the township.

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208 Treasurer Pence: Thanks for coming and thanks for staying throughout this long night.

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210 Trustee Reports:

211 Trustee Doster: I appreciate everyone staying.

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213 Trustee DeVries: Thanks for staying.

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215 Clerk Goebel: No comment except I am feeling better.

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217 Adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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219 Respectfully submitted,

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222 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries