

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Board Meeting  
2 May 15, 2024; 6:30 PM at Prairieville Township Hall

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4 CALL TO ORDER

5 The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Members absent: none

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12 There were 26 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  
16 of America and a moment of silence for our troops.

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18 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 19 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to approve the agenda as presented, supported**  
20 **by Clerk Goebel; all ayes, motion carried.**

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22 CITIZEN RECOGNITION

23 This was an opportunity to recognize two of the citizens of Prairieville Township who  
24 have done so much for the betterment of the township. Richard “Dick” Van Niman and  
25 John Hoek were recognized for their years of service. Supervisor Stoneburner thanked  
26 each of them separately for the contributions they have made to make Prairieville a  
27 better place to live. Both gentlemen were there when you needed them whether the task  
28 was big or small. Thank you!

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30 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

31 County Commissioner David Jackson was present and gave a report. They just  
32 approved the ballot language for COA as well as Headlee Renewal. It is noted that the  
33 cost for either of these will not raise money for the new buildings. The Wind and Solar  
34 Ordinance should be completed soon. The Planning Board is working on the gravel  
35 issue.

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

39 Cindy Twichell  
40 12650 Pine Lake Rd

41 It is an election year, and I am helping Dar Leaf to run for election. I have a listing of  
42 dates and times for the meet and greet with him. We moved here because of a  
43 constitutional sheriff. I am happy everyone is running again on the township board.

47 Marsha Basset  
48 7500 N. Crooked Lake Drive  
49 "I am running for county commissioner in this district. My background includes: I am  
50 involved in the community and active in the area. I am retiring and hope to be elected  
51 and be even more involved in the community. My purpose tonight is to just let you know  
52 I am running and to start getting to meetings and learn more about our townships."  
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54 Phillip Joseph  
55 5663 Windsong Dr.  
56 "I am running for county commissioner in this district. I have been involved in the  
57 community. I am currently on the ZBA for the county. I am also chair for the republican  
58 party in the county. I spent the last cycle and reinvigorated the republican party. I hope  
59 to create an environment for people to be involved. I am here for justice and posterity. I  
60 want my name to be out there."  
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62 Joe Ibbotson  
63 Rutland Township  
64 "I am getting the truth out on the election process. I want to spread the truth. Thank you  
65 to the clerks. There has been talk about voter intimidation. I looked at the last election  
66 and found the Michigan election process firm and in the top 5 in the nation for security. I  
67 have read attacks on the election process and suggest people think about this. There  
68 are lies out there and easy things to disprove. Cell phones are not criminal. There will be  
69 a presentation within the next month. Your vote does matter."  
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#### 71 FIRE REPORT

72 The report will be put on file. Firefighters are currently on a call.  
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#### 74 POLICE REPORT

75 The report was given by Chief Reizin and a copy will be put on file. He thanked the  
76 board for approving the millage issue for the August election. The third officer will start  
77 soon. With three officers there will be someone available 7 days a week.  
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79 There is information on a communication issue that is being given for everyday  
80 patrolling. This comes from the state level. AES encryption is needed which provides a  
81 higher level of encryption. With encrypted radios, others cannot hear private information.  
82 New radios will have to be purchased. The quote for 4 radios with software and  
83 programming is a total of \$21,911.68. The purpose of sharing this is to inform the board.  
84 Chief Reizin suggests tabling this information until there is a more concrete time frame  
85 for when this will be required.  
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87 They have applied for a permit to put the speed sign on M43 and with approval will put it  
88 up for the summer. That will provide relief for people.  
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#### 90 PARKS REPORT

91 The Parks Report was given by Scott Kuebler. The next scheduled meeting is on  
92 Memorial Day, and it will be moved back to May 20. The Delton Kellogg Bass Club

93 became a sport at the last board meeting. Mr. Kuebler shared a list of scheduled  
94 tournaments. The Parks received a grant for attendants at Upper Crooked Lake as well  
95 as new signs. There will be a new kayak launch for Gull Lake. Pine Lake Rec will have a  
96 new dodge ball type game.

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98 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

99 Supervisor Stoneburner

- 100 ○ We have completed an easement at Prairieville Fire Station. The neighbor is
- 101 happy. Next, we will get an easement for consumers.
- 102 ○ Wednesday, May 22 the scouts will be putting flags in the cemetery getting ready
- 103 for the Memorial Day parade which includes the HS band and VFW. There will
- 104 also be a service after in the cemetery.

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106 TREASURER'S REPORT

107 Treasurer Pence

- 108 ○ There is 2.2 million in the pooled account.
- 109 ○ There is \$32,000 in delinquents from the county.
- 110 ○ Revenue sharing will be greater than in the past. past.
- 111 ○ Trustee DeVries asked about the \$128,000 from the Oakridge Road assessment.
- 112 This will be an auditor question.
- 113 ○ Bathrooms have been started.

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115 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

116 Trustee Doster:

- 117 ○ Planning Commission public hearing: the Brown hearing had to be tabled as we
- 118 did not have a quorum. For the 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing the Phillips at 10837 Shelp Lake
- 119 wanted a preconstructed shed and it was approved.
- 120 ○ Ordinance enforcement; currently reviewing ordinances.
- 121 ○ The fairgrounds in Hastings will have hazardous waste recycling on May 18.

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123 Trustee DeVries:

- 124 ○ The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) didn't work this month. We are waiting on the
- 125 new website so we can get ordinances in a better order. Hopefully there will be a
- 126 way to search that will help that to happen.
- 127 ○ Clerk Goebel has done an excellent job with the elections. It is time consuming,
- 128 labor intensive but we are fortunate. Supervisor Stoneburner added a thanks.
- 129 ○ It was noted that Recognized Citizens Richard Van Niman and John Hoek also
- 130 worked elections.

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132 CLERK'S REPORT

133 Clerk Goebel

- 134 ○ Recycling is getting busier.
- 135 ○ It is cemetery season.
- 136 ○ Bathrooms haven't been approved by inspectors, yet. Michigan has not adopted
- 137 the new code but ADA has one.

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- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Treasurer Pence, to approve payment of township bills for \$41,857.67; all ayes, motion carried.**

BAYVIEW SAD ASSESSMENT ROLL

This was the second hearing for Bay View for a special assessment for road improvement. The parcel number was changed from 25 to 24 as two were combined. Individual landowners will pay \$5,047.13 over 10 years. This will be charged yearly at \$504.71 plus 3% interest for the ten years. This can be paid off earlier and charges will stop at that point.

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee Doster, to adopt 2024-21 the Bayview SAD assessment roll. Roll call vote: all ayes, motion passed.**

RESOLUTION 2024-25 EARLY VOTING PLAN

During the first election of the early voting plan, it was discovered that early voting was not as convenient as it could be when it was in another township. That is why this resolution is in place. The goal is to make early voting a convenience for voters in our township. Resolution 2024-25 will dissolve the Early Voting Agreement with Barry Township.

- **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner, to adopt resolution 2024-25. Roll call vote, all ayes and the resolution was duly adopted.**

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

Joel Ibbetson

Rutland Township

Mr. Ibbetson stated two concerns he has with the county government. The first is the need to correct the correction officers retirement so that it is fair to the officers. The other is jail issues. He also commented on the elections that were held and debunked that fraud happened.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Stoneburner:

Reminder that we can celebrate John Hoek and Richard Van Niman's dedication to the township with cake after the meeting. Thank you to John who started at the township when I was being recalled. He made it clear he was on my side.

Treasurer Pence:

Thank you to John and Richard. You were both very patient with me, thank you. Thanks to everyone for being here.

Trustee Comments:

Trustee Doster: Thank you Mr. Hoek for all you have done. I wish Richard was here. Thank you to everyone for being here.

Trustee DeVries: Thank you to everyone for attending. John, Mary, Mic and

185 Kathy you supported me from the beginning. Richard, you have always  
186 supported MaryAnn and me. Richard is a good man and will be missed at the  
187 township.

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189 Clerk Goebel: John, your generosity and dedication to the township is greatly  
190 appreciated. Dick, I wish you could have been here. Dick is a fine gentleman and valued  
191 for all he has done for us.

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193 Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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195 Respectfully submitted,

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198 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries