

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Board Meeting

2 August 21, 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

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11 Members absent: none

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13 There were 4 members of the public present.

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15 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR TROOPS

16 All who were present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of
17 America and a moment of silence for our troops.

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19 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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23 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 24 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve the**
25 **minutes of the 7-17-2024 regular board meeting; all ayes, motion carried.**

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27 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

28 No current Barry County Commissioner was in attendance, but newly elected County
29 Commissioner, Marsha Bassett gave an update. Michael Brown's retirement party is
30 Tuesday, August 27, 2024, from 11 am - 2 pm at Titan Center in Hastings.

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

34 There were no public comments.

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36 FIRE REPORT

37 Chief Uridge was excused tonight as he is out of town.

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39 POLICE REPORT

40 Chief Reizin gave a report and a copy will be put on file. The Prairieville Police Department
41 was at Orangeville Days and Delton's Founders Days. Chief thanked everyone for their
42 support for our millage. He stated that the Prairieville Police are excited that there will be
43 someone available every day to help residents.

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45 PARKS REPORT

46 Dave Haas gave the report. He gave an update on fishing tournaments. Next year's

47 tournaments are already being scheduled. There is a disc golf tournament being put
48 together. They are waiting on the status of boat launch permits. Grills and picnic tables
49 are being replaced. There will be a Gaga court at Pine Lake Rec and they are searching
50 for another piece of playground equipment. Financially the Parks are doing well. They
51 asked about an officer to check the parks. Powering on and powering off signs are being
52 put up to inform people that it is not allowed.

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54 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

55 Supervisor Stoneburner:

- 56 ○ The dust control is completed.
- 57 ○ Supervisor Stoneburner received a call from the treasurer at Richland Township
58 about resurfacing of M43 which finishes near the Prairieville township line.
- 59 ○ They are looking at a water softener for the updated bathrooms using ARPA funds.

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61 TREASURER'S REPORT

62 Treasurer Pence:

- 63 ○ There is \$1.8 million in the pooled account.
- 64 ○ We have earned over \$500 in investments.
- 65 ○ The Auditors were here this week, and everything went fine.
- 66 ○ There was a Workman's Comp audit today that went well.
- 67 ○ Tax due date is September 16, 2024 without penalty
- 68 ○ The bathrooms are being finished.

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70 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

71 Trustee Doster:

72 Planning Commission Meeting

73 10777 Ford Rd.

74 Steve and Heather Stampfler

75 Property split and building permit approved

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77 Trustee DeVries:

- 78 ○ The Auditor recommended spending the rest of the ARPA money by the end of
79 2024.
- 80 ○ He offered to help with the new website and get that going.
- 81 ○ Costs for bathrooms – the bathroom and the hall are paid for but still need flooring.
82 Trustee Doster has resources he will check with about flooring. Trustee DeVries
83 will get quotes for furniture for the meeting room.
- 84 ○ At the County Commission Meeting there were concerns brought up in public
85 comment about the county enforcement officer. Trustee DeVries feels we are
86 fortunate to have our own planning commission and enforcement officer.

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88 CLERK'S REPORT

89 Clerk Goebel

90 Fun and exciting election season, 88 early voters, overall 34% turnout consistent with
91 county and state. Everything came out even with the numbers. Many thanks to the chairs
92 and election inspectors

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94 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee DeVries, to approve**
95 **payment of township bills for \$81,317.85; all ayes, motion carried.**
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97 HALL CLEANING INFORMATION

98 Supervisor Stoneburner led a discussion about looking at having cleaning in the township
99 hall done 1-2 times a month. Tonight is informational. There were two quotes given to
100 Clerk Goebel and hopefully another one coming. It will be on the agenda in September.
101 Thank you to Treasurer Pence for doing the cleaning but that load needs to be taken off
102 her duties.

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104 2024 TAX RATE REQUEST

105 This is a request to approve the L-4029 2024 tax rate millages. There was discussion that
106 going forward there is a plan so the amount will not have to be guesstimated on the
107 Appropriations Act.

- 108 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel to adopt 2024 tax rate request, supported by**
109 **Treasurer Pence; all ayes, motion carried.**

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111 RESOLUTION 2024-28; PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES

112 This is the RADAR sign request.

- 113 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner, to adopt**
114 **resolution 2024-28 for the RADAR sign; all ayes, motion carried.**
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116 PINE LAKE WEED ASSESSEMENT UPDATE

117 Trustee DeVries gave updates and suggestions based on info from Attorney Kaufman.
118 He has set up an updated notice with good parcel numbers. A hearing date for Pine Lake
119 Weed Assessment is being set up for September 17 and notices will go out in the mail to
120 those involved.

- 121 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Clerk Goebel, to adopt resolution**
122 **2024-29 for Pine Lake Weed Aquatic Plant Control Assessment District 24-1**
123 **with the first public hearing September 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.; roll call vote, all**
124 **ayes, motion was duly adopted on this date.**
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126 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

127 This is in reference to the parcel that Jeff Brown owns. The agreement gives stipulations
128 that Mr. Brown has to agree to. This document will have to be signed, notarized and
129 attached to the original deed.

- 130 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee Doster, to adopt Public**
131 **Ordinance 179; roll call vote, all ayes, motion was duly adopted on this date.**
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133 INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE TAHOE

134 There was a deer collision with the Tahoe belonging to the Police Department. There is a
135 \$1000.00 deductible. Chief Reizin clarified for the board that the Tahoe is used to patrol
136 and respond only. The question was who should pay the deductible.

- 137 • **Supervisor Stoneburner made a motion to pay the deductible from**
138 **Prairieville Township funds, supported by Trustee Doster, discussion**

- 139 **ensued.**
- 140 ○ **Clerk Goebel believes the people of Prairieville Township should not**
 - 141 **have to pay this money.**
 - 142 ○ **Trustee DeVries was not comfortable with being hit out of the blue with**
 - 143 **this decision and felt it should not have been discussed in an open**
 - 144 **meeting.**
 - 145 ○ **Supervisor Stoneburner believes the township should pay that**
 - 146 **deductible. He wants to see our police being proactive and this is not**
 - 147 **the way to encourage proactivity,**

148 **The vote was called for, there were 2 yes votes and 3 no votes. The motion**

149 **did not pass.**

150 Supervisor Stoneburner requested the \$1000 be taken out of his wages.

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

153 the Recording Clerk.)

154 There were no comments.

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156 BOARD COMMENTS

157 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thanks for being here.

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159 Treasurer Pence: Thank you

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161 Trustee Comments:

162 Trustee Doster: Thank you. The county has started trimming and there was a

163 brief discussion.

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165 Trustee DeVries: Thank you for coming, sorry the meeting ended that way. I did

166 not have enough information to vote yes.

167 Clerk Goebel: Thank you, Ted, for your work on the Pine Lake weed assessment.

168 Thank you to people for supporting our millages.

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170 Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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172 Respectfully submitted,

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175 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries