

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Board Meeting
2 September 18, 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 17 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 Clerk Goebel 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 August 21, 2024, regular board meeting; all ayes, motion**
26 **carried.**

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28 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

29 Commissioner Dave Jackson reported. There will be a county wide spongy moth
30 survey by the end of October. The solar ordinance is approved. There are 2-3
31 companies looking at completing broadband for the county.

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33 DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

34 Drain Commissioner, Jim Dull gave a presentation and update on water level. He talked
35 about the lakes including Upper Crooked Lake which is 5 feet lower than it was, and
36 Pine Lake which is down 3 feet. There is a permit in place for 5 years for Pine Lake but
37 currently the County Commissioners have any project on hold. Pine Lake has spent
38 over \$306,000 to figure out what can be done. There will need to be an assessment for
39 residents to pay for this, but this list will be updated so correct addresses are in the
40 assessment district before assessing. Trustee DeVries brought up a concern because
41 part of Pine Lake is in Allegan County and this adds another challenge to the
42 assessment roll. There will be a Drain Code 101 after the first of year for new
43 commissioners to understand the drain code.

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45 There were a few questions and clarifications along with more discussion to end the
46 report.

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

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50 Marsha Bassett
51 7500 N Crooked Lake Rd.
52 Revitalize Delton Update

53 The group was formed to try to rediscover and preserve a pattern of small-town success
54 that Delton has had in the past. The committee includes large groups working together on
55 initiatives. Housing was one area identified and it started with a feasibility study. They are
56 now planning how to roll out that information to the community. The goal is detailed plans
57 to improve Delton and identify how to get there. There will be a community auction to raise
58 funds and a portion of the money raised will go back to other non-profits that have helped
59 this group. More information can be found at Revitalize Delton.

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61 Gary Hayward
62 Islandview
63 Pine Lake
64 Mr. Hayward apologized as he has to leave the meeting early. He was not feeling well.

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66 Scott Kuebler
67 He gave feedback on the Spongy Moth issue on his property.

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69 FIRE REPORT
70 Captain TK Pence reported, and a copy will be put on file. He highlighted the qualifications
71 of current members. As new training becomes available, there are Prairieville Fire
72 Department members who are involved. There was a discussion about AED's and which
73 to purchase. Life Pack will be purchased, and Captain Pence will handle that.

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75 POLICE REPORT
76 Chief Reizin gave the report and a copy will be put on file. He also talked about a School
77 Resource Officer (SRO) need as the county is not able to fill the position. Mark Doster has
78 been looked at for the position. This was approved by the school board last night.

- 79 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to allow Trustee Doster to take on**
80 **additional duties for the schools as a School Resource Officer, supported by**
81 **Clerk Goebel; discussion and clarification ensued; all ayes, motion carried.**

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83 Barry Township Supervisor, Barry Bower, commented to Trustee Doster that this is the
84 best thing that has happened for our townships.

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86 PARKS REPORT
87 Scott Kuebler, representing Parks and Rec, reported that summer is winding down. He
88 thanked Trustee Doster for doing the pole barn and went over the fishing tournaments list.
89 In October they hope to have a tournament on the Disc Golf Course at Pine Lake Rec.
90 They have become lifetime members of Gull Lake Water Quality Organization.
91 Clerk Goebel thanked them for the picnic table under the tree outside. It is actually for
92 North Country Trail visitors, but everyone is glad Clerk Goebel is enjoying it!

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94 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

95 Supervisor Stoneburner:

- 96 ○ Financial report for both sewers are in my office and available, if you want to see
- 97 them.
- 98 ○ There was a septic tank issue at the township hall that is now serviceable.
- 99 ○ A new water softener will be put in bathrooms in the next couple of weeks.

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101 TREASURER'S REPORT

102 Treasurer Pence:

- 103 ○ An excess of 1.8 million dollars is in the pooled account.
- 104 ○ Taxes were due on Monday
- 105 ○ The CD interest payments were reported.
- 106 ○ Treasurer Pence is working on Oakridge Road issue with expense reports and
- 107 needs to get history. She will clarify where this money needs to be.
- 108 ○ The library budget was in the packet. Trustee DeVries had questions and Treasurer
- 109 Pence was able to answer one.

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111 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

112 Trustee Doster: The PC request for special land use permit to build a 2400 sq ft pole barn
113 accessory building was approved.

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115 Trustee DeVries: He is working on the new website with Deputy Clerk Pagano and trying
116 to get it up and running. ARPA funds are being used to pay for the new website. Tables,
117 chairs and nameplates for the board room also will use ARPA money; ZBA meeting in
118 September was tabled to go to October. The applicant has asked the board to come out
119 to the property to see it. Checking to see if this can legally be done,

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121 CLERK'S REPORT

122 Clerk Goebel

- 123 ○ Clerk Goebel is working on road assessments on S. Crooked Lake Drive and Oak
- 124 Drive. Overseas ballots must go in the mail this Saturday, September 21, 2024.

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126 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 127 • **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee DeVries, to approve**
- 128 **payment of the township bills for \$115,147.71; all ayes, motion carried.**

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130 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

131 Trustee DeVries shared his thoughts about line items that may need adjustments. The
132 discussion was around these as well as reimbursement for money spent. Some issues
133 may be account number errors and Treasurer Pence is looking at that. Also, a more
134 updated report has been published which will change some of these numbers.

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136 PINE LAKE PUBLIC HEARING DATE

137 There needs to be another public hearing date set up. This is due to the meeting not being
138 published 2 times. It was not the townships problem, but it needs to be rescheduled and

139 renoticed. The actual date of the meeting is the only difference in the resolution. Monday,
140 October 21 at 7:00 pm was chosen as the new meeting date.

- 141 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to submit notice for updated resolution of Pine**
142 **Lake meeting on Monday, October 21 at 7 p.m. at the township hall,**
143 **supported by Clerk Goebel; all ayes, motion carried.**

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145 RADAR

146 The radar unit went bad In the Police Explorer. There is an urgent need to replace this.
147 Chief Reizin was asking if the township would allow this purchase using ARPA funds to
148 replace radar in the Explorer.

- 149 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to purchase a radar unit for the Explorer in the**
150 **amount of \$2,714.52 out of ARPA funds, supported by Trustee Doster; all**
151 **ayes, motion carried.**

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153 INTERNET PROPOSAL

154 Chief Reizin gave background into the current internet service. The need is for faster
155 internet service. There is a proposal for Starlink that could be used for both the Police and
156 Township. There was discussion about the internet services including current services
157 with MEI.

- 158 • **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner to purchase the Starlink package as**
159 **recommended, supported by Trustee Doster; all ayes, motion carried.**

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161 Supervisor Stoneburner will talk with Tyler Brownell about placing the order.

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163 BS&A SOFTWARE

164 This was discussed with the internet proposal. In addition, Treasurer Pence went over a
165 sheet she put together. This updated software is recommended by BS&A. To get new
166 features of programs, this software will be needed. Once a contract is approved it will take
167 3-6 months.

- 168 • **Motion by Trustee DeVries to purchase BS&A cloud software and use ARPA**
169 **funds to pay for initial set up features, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner.**
170 **Discussion ensued. The annual fee will come out of the budget. The vote was**
171 **all ayes and the motion carried.**

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174 ELECTRONIC SIGN

175 This is tabled until the October meeting.

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

179 Jim Parker

180 11228 Long Point Drive

181 Mr. Parker asked when the meeting from the Planning Commission would be on the
182 board agenda. Supervisor Stoneburner suggested he call him to confirm.

183 Barry Bower

184 Barry Township Supervisor

185 Mr. Bower shared electronic signs that they had purchased. He encouraged the board
186 to look at these as he has had very good results.

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188 BOARD COMMENTS

189 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thanks for being here

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191 Treasurer Pence: I am going home, I am tired.

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193 Trustee Comments:

194 Trustee Doster: thanks

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196 Trustee DeVries: thanks

197 Clerk Goebel: Congratulations to Brandon and Riley Robinson on their recent wedding.
198 We got lots done tonight.

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200 Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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202 Respectfully submitted,

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205 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries