

1 MINUTES - PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP Regular Board Meeting  
2 December 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, Trustee DeVries and Trustee Doster

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10 Members absent: Treasurer Pence

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12 There were 20 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   **Motion by Trustee DeVries to approve the agenda as amended, supported by Trustee**  
20 **Doster; all ayes, motion carried.**

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22 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 23   **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve the minutes**  
24 **of November 13, 2024, regular board meeting; all ayes, motion carried.**

- 25   **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Trustee Doster, to approve the minutes**  
26 **of December 3, 2024, special meeting for Pine Lake aquatic plant controls; all ayes,**  
27 **motion approved**

- 28   **Motion by Trustee DeVries, supported by Supervisor Stoneburner, to approve minutes**  
29 **of the December 13, 2024 special board meeting as amended, the amendment changes**  
30 **Trustee Doster to Trustee DeVries on line 58; all ayes, motion carried.**

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32 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

33 Marsha Bassett was in attendance and begins her County Commissioner term on January 1.  
34 She has been sworn in and is reporting officially on the recent meeting. Welcome aboard!

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

38 David Haas

39 10000 Cressey Rd.

40 Mr. Haas is in attendance as a citizen about the issue of the corner of Cressey and  
41 Enzian Roads. He is asking for reflectors on the stop sign and a sign saying cross traffic does  
42 not stop. Supervisor Stoneburner will see what he can do about this issue.

43 FIRE REPORT

44 Chief Uridge gave a report and it will be put on file. Positive things occurring are  
45 3 firefighters are in fire school, 4 are certified EMT's and there are 2 Paramedics at our  
46 Fire Department.

47 Sandy Uridge was recognized for her volunteer work on the remodeling of the kitchen.  
48 She thanked Treasurer Pence for her help as the previous kitchen was almost 49years  
49 old. There were contacts within the township that brought them in under budget. Next  
50 year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fire Department and they plan to have  
51 a celebration!

#### 52 POLICE REPORT

53 Chief Reizin gave his monthly report and it will be put on file.  
54 Officer Boehme helped remodel the bathroom in the Police Station and was thanked for  
55 all of his work. Chief told about other ways they were involved with the  
56 community. Officer Brandon Robinson was called to a drowning at Gull Lake on a cold  
57 evening. He was able to lay on the dock and pull both husband and wife out of the water.  
58 His actions saved those lives. Officer Robinson was given a lifesaving award. Thank you  
59 for being there to help our community!

#### 60 PARKS REPORT

61 David Haas gave the report for the Parks Board. Fishing tournaments are already being  
62 scheduled for 2025. They are working on the budget and are looking at  
63 redoing the parking lot at Gull Lake next year. The Parks Board voted and the vote  
64 passed to request the ability for annual passes to be purchased on line.

#### 65 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

66 Gull Lake Sewer and Water had a training session. The binder from this will be available  
67 in Supervisor Stoneburner's office with the meeting minutes in it for people to look at.  
68 There was a Road Commission meeting to look at areas of concern. Supervisor  
69 Stoneburner thanked the board for meeting and adjusting the plans as a new vehicle  
70 was needed for the Police.

#### 71 TREASURER'S REPORT

72 Reports will be put on file.

#### 73 TRUSTEES' REPORTS

- 74 ○ Trustee Doster: Nothing as PC did not meet last week.
- 75 ○ Trustee DeVries:
- 76 ○ ZBA met with 3 public hearings, approved all 3 with discussion.
- 77 ○ MTA magazine has an upcoming conference in April.
- 78 ○ Will need budget adjustment in budget process.

79  **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Clerk Goebel, to allow Trustee**  
80 **DeVries to go to the MTA Conference in Grand Rapids in April; all eyes, motion carried.**

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89 CLERK'S REPORT

90 Clerk Goebel: I spent a month figuring out how to spend ARPA money! There is currently  
91 77 cents left.

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93 APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS

- 94   **Motion by Clerk Goebel, supported by Trustee DeVries, to approve payment**  
95 **of the township bills for \$210,611.52; all ayes, motion carried.**

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97 PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: ROGERS

98 Trustee DeVries recused himself. Supervisor Stoneburner and Trustee Doster gave a  
99 brief summary about the request in October. That request asked for rezoning of property  
100 to R2. The Planning Commission recommended R1. Dan Rogers talked to the board. He  
101 explained he believes that we all want it to be the same thing. He is all for an occupancy  
102 restriction in R2 making it only an accessory building. He doesn't believe that there  
103 should be a variance needed if that is followed and he does not want R1. Supervisor  
104 Stoneburner said that can be worked out.

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106   **Motion by Supervisor Stoneburner, supported by Clerk Goebel, to send the Rogers**  
107 **request back to the Planning Commission to work on R2 with conditions; all ayes,**  
108 **motion carried.**

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

112 There was no public comment.

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114 BOARD COMMENTS

115 Treasurer Pence: absent

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117 Trustee Comments:

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119 Trustee Doster: Have safe and happy holidays!

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121 Trustee DeVries: Have a great holiday. It is nice to have you on  
122 board, Marsha. Good job on the kitchen at fire station, nice job Rod on the packet.  
123 Clerk Goebel: Merry Christmas to all!

124 Supervisor Stoneburner: Thank you to everyone for attending. It is important to have you  
125 here to help us be better.

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127 Adjourned at 7:15.

128 Respectfully submitted

129 MaryAnn Bliss DeVries