

**PRAIRIEVILLE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

March 11, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Stoneburner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Jim Stoneburner, Clerk Jill Owens, Trustee Sharon Ritchie, and Treasurer Vickey Nottingham

ABSENT: Trustee Mike Herzog

Also present 10 guests.

All present pledged Allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for our troops.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Treasurer Nottingham for the agenda to be approved as corrected. Supported by Trustee Ritchie. All Ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Ritchie to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 Board Meeting as written. Supported by Treasurer Nottingham. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Ritchie asked about Ordinance Number 115 regarding Parks. Supervisor Stoneburner stated he has forwarded the information to Attorney Sparks for review.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence to report.

41 COMMISSIONERS REPORT

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43 No report given.

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45 PUBLIC COMMENT

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47 Lloyd Goyings commented on the 2010 Census. The Census is used for
48 Revenue Sharing with the state and the Township will need to be involved.

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51 PARKS COMMISSION REPORT

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53 Supervisor Stoneburner reported the Parks Commission is working on the
54 pay station at the Gull Lake Park. The trailer at Pine Lake Park will be
55 removed after the weight restrictions of the road are no longer in effect. He
56 also stated that the lock would be removed from the Prairieville Park.

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58 Lloyd Goyings recommended someone move back to Gull Lake Park to
59 keep vandalism down.

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61 ZONING REPORT by Mike DeVries

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63 Mike DeVries, Zoning Administrator distributed a list of current projects
64 and Prairieville Township Planning Commission Annual Report. He is
65 currently working to update the Master Zoning List with Ordinances 126 to
66 135 to complete.

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68 FIRE REPORTS

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70 Fire reports were received and filed.

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72 Chief Gene Muskovin, BPH Fire Department, reported Don Sager retired
73 from the department after 30 plus years of service. Captain Muskovin
74 requested that the Prairieville Township inform dispatch that BPH Fire
75 Department needs to be called for any accidents in their area. The BPH Fire
76 Department is responsible for all fluid loss if they are there or not.

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78 Richard Garrison, Chief of Pine Lake Fire Department reported that he has
79 applied for an Interoperable Communications Grant. The Grant would
80 provide the Pine Lake Fire Department an 800 MHZ Fire Radio, equipment

81 package and installation. The radio would allow the Fire Department to be
82 able to communicate with other agencies. The Grant would need a twenty-
83 five percent matching Fee of \$1013.60, of the total cost of \$5,068.00.

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85 Treasurer Nottingham moved that Prairieville Pine Lake Fire Department
86 purchase an 800 MHz Motorola XTS5000 Portable Radio for \$1,013.60 if
87 Interoperable Communications Grant is awarded. Trustee Ritchie supported.
88 All Ayes. Motion carried.

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90 Chief Garrison would like to move Donald Haneckow, Captain of Training
91 Division, to the position of Captain of C-3. Chief Garrison will eliminate
92 the Captain in Training position, he does not feel it is needed at this time.
93 Chief Garrison said that this change would reduce the budget for the Fire
94 Department.

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96 Trustee Ritchie moved to make Donald Haneckow Captain C3 per Chief
97 Garrison recommendation. Clerk Owens supported. Three Ayes and
98 Treasurer Nottingham Opposed. Motion carried.

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100 Chief Garrison stated that an air compressor was needed in the area to fill air
101 tanks after a fire. At this time the tanks are taken to Hastings to be filled and
102 the Fire Department is low on air tanks, until they return. BPH would like to
103 purchase an air compressor and Chief Garrison is asking the Township
104 Board for support. The air compressor would cost approximately \$36,000.00
105 and \$1,100.00 a year for service contract.

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107 Trustee Ritchie reported that she gave each Fire Department a Kalamazoo
108 Gazette article entitled "Fire Truck Driver Ticketed" at the January 2009
109 meeting. She requested each Department to complete the questionnaire. All
110 Departments responded with information on training and safety
111 requirements.

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113 Trustee Ritchie handed out Certificates of Achievement to Chief Garrison of
114 Prairieville Pine Lake Fire Department, Chief Muskovin of BPH Fire
115 Department, Chief Isles of Hickory Corners Fire Department, Supervisor
116 Stoneburner of Prairieville Township and Supervisor Kahler of Barry
117 Township for their help with the collaborative effort between Prairieville
118 Township, Barry Township, Pine Lake Fire Department, Hickory Corners
119 Fire Department, and BPH Fire Department.

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121 POLICE REPORT

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123 Police report was received and filed.

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125 CLERK REPORT

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127 Clerk report was received and filed.

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129 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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131 Bills were presented and discussed. Motion made by Treasurer
132 Nottingham for the amended bills in the amount of \$20,781.97 to be paid.
133 Supported by Trustee Ritchie. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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136 1. Barry County Central Dispatch 911

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138 Supervisor Stoneburner read a memo from Chief Gentry in support of the
139 E911/Central Dispatch Plan. Trustee Ritchie had questions regarding the
140 plan. Clerk Owens would provide Trustee Ritchie an email address to
141 contact Jerry Sarver, Chair of Barry County Central Dispatch Administrative
142 Board. Trustee Ritchie will report resulting input at our Board meeting.

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144 2. Health Benefits Ordinance No. 136

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146 Treasurer Nottingham made a motion to adopt Health Benefits Ordinance
147 Number 136. Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Supervisor
148 Stoneburner, Clerk Owens, Treasurer Nottingham, and Trustee Ritchie. The
149 following voted "Nay": None. Supervisor Stoneburner declared the motion
150 carried.

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152 3. Trustee Herzog Resignation

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154 Supervisor Stoneburner read a letter dated March 1, 2009 from Trustee
155 Herzog asking to tender his resignation as Township Trustee. Trustee
156 Ritchie moved to accept Trustee Herzog's resignation. Clerk Owens
157 supported. Three Ayes and Treasurer Nottingham Opposed. Motion
158 carried.

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160 4. Budget Hearing Dates

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162 Supervisor Stoneburner announced Budget Workshop and Hearing dates.

163 All meetings will be at the Prairieville Township Hall.

164 March 16, 2009 at 7:30pm Workshop

165 March 23, 2009 at 5:30pm Workshop

166 March 30, 2009 at 7:00pm Hearing

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168 PUBLIC COMMENTS

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170 Ken Osborne had a question on the procedure to replace the Trustee.

171 Supervisor Stoneburner responded.

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173 BOARD COMMENTS

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175 SUPERVISOR STONEBURNER

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177 Supervisor Stoneburner recommended Bill Miller to replace the open
178 Trustee position. Bill Miller was a Trustee and would have the knowledge
179 to step in until Mid-Term, when an election would be held. Trustee Ritchie
180 moved to have Bill Miller fill the open Trustee position until Mid-Term
181 election, following Supervisor Stoneburner's recommendation. Clerk
182 Owens supported. All Ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Bill Miller stated he
183 would do his best for the Township.

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185 Supervisor Stoneburner stated the April 8, 2009 Regular Board Meeting was
186 in conflict with Treasurer Nottingham's and Trustee Ritchie's vacation
187 plans. He suggested we move the meeting to April 14, 2009. Treasurer
188 Nottingham moved to change April 8, 2009 regular Board Meeting to April
189 14, 2009. Trustee Ritchie supported. All Ayes. Motion carried. Clerk
190 Owens stated she would post notice, email Township Commissioner Chairs,
191 post on Prairieville Township website and put a notice in Banner.

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193 TREASURER NOTTINGHAM

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195 Treasurer Nottingham reported on Bank Reconciliation for February 2009.
196 She was able to lower bank charges by moving to NOW account. In
197 February 2009 the bank still charged \$306.43, but she contacted the National
198 City Bank and they are issuing a credit for the charges.

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200 CLERK OWENS

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202 No comment.

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204 TRUSTEE RITCHIE

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206 No comment.

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208 Treasurer Nottingham moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Trustee
209 Ritchie. Supervisor Stoneburner adjourned the meeting without objection at
210 8:28 pm.

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212 Respectfully Submitted,

213 Jill Owens, Clerk