

41 Committee, and Law Enforcement, Public Safety & Courts Committee. He
42 announced that Pennock Hospital is planning on moving to the corner of
43 M43 and M37 in Rutland Township. Southwest Barry Sewer & Water
44 Authority Board is doing research for a sewer assessment to the new
45 location.

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47 PUBLIC COMMENT

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49 Ken Osborne, Glenn Stoneburner, Lana Langone, ~~Tedd~~ **Todd** Ketchum,
50 **Denny Dyer** and George Hoffman had concerns with proposed Ordinances.
51 Todd Ketchum had questions on the agenda item; Trustee Herzog leave of
52 absence from PLFD.

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54 PARKS COMMISSION REPORT GIVEN BY JENNIFER
55 VANOVERLOOP, VICE CHAIR

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57 Jennifer VanOverloop reported the last parks meeting was January 13, 2009.
58 A sales representative from Traffic & Safety Control Systems gave a demo
59 of pay stations. Parks Commission is considering use at the Gull Lake Park
60 this year and other parks in the future. A benefit of the pay station is twenty-
61 four hour a day use without the expense of employees. Traffic & Safety
62 Control Systems offered a flexible payment options. Parks Commission will
63 need to have electrical and cement work done before installation.

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65 Parks Commission is going to review all signs at the parks. They may be
66 replacing some to eliminate confusion regarding charges for launching.

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68 Parks Commission will begin writing tickets for those who do not pay. They
69 will make an appointment with Chief Gentry to have the employees
70 deputized.

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72 The trailer at Pine Lake is still there. Parks Commission has not been able to
73 get the area cleaned up, due to the weather. They are watching the park for
74 suspicious activity. They will seek bids for having the trailer removed, with
75 the goal to have it gone on April 1, 2009.

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77 The Parks Commission will start a monthly inspection of all Parks. A light
78 pole came down at the Gull Lake Park due to high winds. The pole was not
79 welded properly. Jeff Nap disconnected power and will give bid to replace.

80 The Parks Commission would like to thank Officer Doster for finding and
81 reporting the light pole.

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83 The Parks Commission is working on a five-year plan. The firm working on
84 it, advised them of additional requirements from the State of Michigan that
85 will require research. At the next meeting, they will decide who will be
86 doing the research. There would be additional charge to have the firm do it.

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88 The Parks Commission web site has been updated to include Bass Fishing
89 Tournament information, events calendar, and annual pass information.
90 Colleen Dixon has done a great job on the web site.

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92 The next meeting will be February 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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94 FIRE REPORTS

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96 Fire reports were received and filed.

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98 POLICE REPORT

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100 Police report was received and filed.

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102 CLERK REPORT

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104 Clerk report was received and filed.

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106 APPROVAL OF BILLS

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108 Bills were presented and discussed. A bill was added in the amount of
109 \$290.41. Motion made by Trustee Ritchie for the amended bills of the
110 amount of \$52,557.02 to be paid. Supported by Clerk Owens. All ayes.
111 Motion carried.

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114 1. RESOLUTION ADOPTING CROOKED LAKE WEEDS 115 ASSESSMENT.

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117 The Resolution for adopting Crooked Lake Weeds was passed. Please see
118 attached.

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121 2. CLEANING OFFICE – DIANA’S CLEANING SERVICE LLC

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123 Clerk Owens stated that she would like to use an outside cleaning service,
124 instead of a township employee. The township would save on employment
125 taxes and liabilities. Trustee Ritchie would like to verify that Diane’s
126 Cleaning Service will use their own equipment to clean carpets and will sign
127 a ~~confidential~~ **confidentiality** agreement. . Motion made by Clerk Owens to
128 use Diane’s Cleaning Service LLC to do Prairieville Township Hall
129 cleaning. Supported by Trustee Ritchie. All ayes. Motion carried.

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131 3. COLLEEN DIXON RESIGNATION

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133 Colleen Dixon turned in ~~here~~ **her** resignation as office worker for the
134 township. As an elected official for the Parks Commission, she chose to
135 resign because of conflict of interest. Trustee Ritchie moved to accept
136 Colleen Dixon resignation with regrets. Supported by Clerk Owens. All
137 Ayes. Motion carried.

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139 4. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – MELISSA STONEBURNER

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141 No action taken on this issue.

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143 5. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

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145 Trustee Ritchie reported Libby Heiny-Cogswell, past Zoning Administrator,
146 Dave Federinko, Chair of Planning & Zoning Commission, Supervisor
147 Stoneburner, and Trustee Ritchie were the panel for the interviewing process
148 of Zoning Administrator. They received resumes from many qualified
149 applicants. At each interview they used the same set of questions to be able
150 compare each applicant fairly. They chose Mike DeVries from Holland, MI
151 to be the Zoning Administrator. Trustee Ritchie made a motion to hire Mike
152 Devries as Zoning Administrator. Supported by Clerk Owens. All Ayes.
153 Motion carried.

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156 6. ORDINANCE PLANNING & ZONING

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158 Trustee Ritchie made a motion to adopt Ordinance Number 135 to Confirm
159 the Establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority with the

160 correction on last page last line insert the word “effect” after take.
161 Supported by Clerk Owens. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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163 7. ORDINANCE JUNK VEHICLE

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165 ~~Clerk~~ Trustee Ritchie stated with the Board hiring a new Zoning
166 Administrator and with the input of township residents, the Board should
167 wait a few months before making any decisions on this issue. The Board
168 decided to table Ordinance Junk Vehicle and Ordinance Litter.

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170 8. ORDINANCE LITTER

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172 The Board tabled as stated in number seven.

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174 9. CRT QUOTE TO UPDATE ALL COMPUTERS TO SAME
175 VERSION OF MS OFFICE

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177 Trustee Ritchie stated that the prices for MS Office Basic Package 2007 was
178 a reasonable price, but the price on the MS Office Standard 2007 looked
179 high. The Board decided to do more research before make a decision.

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181 10. TRUSTEE HERZOG GIVEN LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM PLFD

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183 Supervisor Stoneburner stated that if the Township Board did not make part
184 of Trustee Herzog duties be a Captain of the Fire Department, then they
185 have two ~~chooses~~ **choices**, one to have Trustee Herzog resign from the fire
186 department or take a leave of absence.

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188 Trustee Ritchie read a letter from Richard Garrison, Fire Chief, to the
189 Township Board. Chief Garrison would rather avoid having a fire officer as
190 Township Board member due to conflict of interest. He requested Trustee
191 Herzog be given a leave of absence and have him return his equipment to the
192 Township or to Fire Chief. He also stated due to the open vacant position
193 created, the fire chief shall appoint an active member qualified to fill that
194 vacant position. At the end of Trustee Herzog’s term, if he decides to
195 become active with the department and has board approval, he will be
196 reinstated as a firefighter.

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198 Trustee Ritchie moved to grant Trustee Herzog leave of absence from Pine
199 Lake Fire Department with the understanding to return PLFD gear and he

200 will not retain position of Captain per Chief Garrison's recommendation.
201 Supported by Clerk Owens. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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203 PUBLIC COMMENTS

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205 Bob Ritchie, Parks Commission Chair, requested a copy of Colleen Dixon's
206 resignation letter. There were request to have the agenda on the web site and
207 update the web site on the issues of the Ordinances. There were questions
208 on why the new Zoning Administrator was not from Prairieville Township.
209 Also, Merlau Avenue is not being plowed in a safe way.

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211 BOARD COMMENTS

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213 SUPERVISOR STONEBURNER

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215 Supervisor Stoneburner read an email for South West Michigan Land
216 Conservatory stating their success in protecting the Prairieville Creek from
217 land development in the future. This will help to protect the water system to
218 Gull Lake.

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220 A letter was received from Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority with the
221 results of a survey for a sewer system for Little Long Lake. Based on the
222 negative responses, they are recommending the Township not pursue this
223 any further at this time.

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225 Trustee Ritchie made a motion to give Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority
226 permission to send a letter to residents of M43 – Little Long Lake stating
227 they will not provide service. Supported by Clerk Owens. All Ayes.
228 Motion carried.

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230 **Supervisor Stoneburner updates on Delton Ambulance and Prairieville
231 Creek Project.**

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233 CLERK OWENS

234 Clerk Owens stated that Trustee Ritchie, Supervisor Stoneburner and she are
235 signed up for MTA budgeting class in Lansing.

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238 TRUSTEE RITCHIE

239 Trustee Ritchie gave a request for information to the Barry Fire Chief and
240 Pine Lake Fire Chief regarding a fire truck accident in Lawton.
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242 Trustee Ritchie moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Clerk Owens.
243 Supervisor Stoneburner adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:10 pm.
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245 Respectfully Submitted,
246 Jill Owens
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