

**Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., in the Pine Lake Community Building, Fire Department Meeting Room #1, 4197 River Road.**

Notice of meeting was posted in two (2) locations within the Town of Pine Lake and on the town website at [www.townofpinelake.com](http://www.townofpinelake.com) according to Wisconsin Statutes.

Present: Chairman Jim Flory, Supervisors Brian Gehrig, Jennifer Cordy, Ron Lueneburg, and Clerk Cindy Skinner.  
Absent: Supervisor Tim Oestreich and Treasurer Cory Hoffmann

Chairman Flory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the agenda and the chairman to move items around, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Town Board Meeting and the October 5, 2023, Special Town Board Meeting, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Board Supervisor report. Diana Harris reported that the resolution was signed to cancel the contract with the Human Service Center effective December, 2024. A 180 day moratorium was placed on approving new campgrounds.

Library Report. Diana Harris reported that Pine Lake had 956 checkouts for September and 7,949 for the year.

Constable Report. Jake Nitzel reported that he requested the sheriff's department issue a citation for the dogs on Moon Lite Bay Road. Planning and Zoning also cited the same owner for running a home-based business without the required permits. Planning and Zoning received complaints for a property on Little Pine Acres. He had an SUV towed off the park property. Assisted at the scene of an accident on Pine Lake Road. Received a complaint of a large trailer parked along River Road near the second landing. The owner moved it to a safer location.

Citizens Concerns. Rick Barcal provided input as to the shipping containers and the town's Comprehensive Plan. Not in favor of allowing them in the residential areas of Pine Lake. Strongly encouraged the board to support the county on the issue. John Kiefer also provided input and also feels that shipping containers/semi-trailers for storage do not belong on properties in more residential neighborhoods. Jim Skinner requested that the town consider putting up no parking signs on Moon Lite Bay Road. Will be referred to the Ordinance Review Committee.

Hodag Sno-Trails. The temporary route along Trails End Road between 4349 and 4393 Trails End Road granted last year was only for the 2022/2023 season. The members in attendance explained the group is still working on negotiations with property owners for a trail and are asking the board to approve the route temporarily for the 2023/2024 season. Jim had only heard of one negative incident. Discussion. The board expects the club to update the board every year in the summer on all of the temporary routes granted or going to be requested. Motion by Jennifer Cordy to allow the use of that portion of Trails End Road between 4349 and 4393 for the 2023/2024 snowmobile season, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Outdoor Recreation and Park Committee Report. Jen reported that the playground equipment installation is complete. Received lots of help from lots of volunteers and it is greatly appreciated. The upcoming winter will have the committee planning more of the future upgrades. The Park has a Facebook page to follow the progress. A representative from the Rhinelander Softball League discussed with the board the future plan to help improving the ball diamond/field in order to use it for the eight teams currently in the league. The private fields they use now could be sold, so want a stable location. Discussion as to monetary donation as well as upgrades that the league would take on. Discussion as to lighting. The group will meet with the Outdoor Recreation Committee at their meeting scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup> and to provide a list of the improvements and possible timeline. The league would then be able to start playing there in 2025. Once plans are completed with the committee, they will come back to the board for approval at the November 15<sup>th</sup> town board meeting.

Howard Disposal, LLC, final agreement/contract distributed to the board. Changes had been made as discussed at the Solid Waste Contract Committee meeting. No further changes or discussion. Motion by Jim Flory to approve the written agreement/contract with Howard Disposal, LLC, commencing on 1/1/2024, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Financial Report and Budget Committee Report.

Cindy Skinner reported for Cory Hoffmann – Book Balance – 8/30/2023 - \$855,173.57. Income for September - \$3,821.14, Expenses for September - \$64,342.22, Book Balance – 9/30/2023 - \$794,652.49. Peoples Checking Balance - \$653,118.83. Peoples Money Market Balance - \$141,533.66. Bank Balance 9/30/2023 - \$794,652.49.

Cindy also reported that the Budget Committee had met to start working on the budget. The committee will meet again on October 30, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to finish up the budget. The Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors date is now set for November 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Highway Shop Committee Report. Brian reported that the snow fence was up. The crew did some clean up work around the new parking lot at the town hall/fire station #1. The sand/salt was delivered. The sand/salt shed roof should be started and completed soon.

Building and Grounds Committee Report. Nothing to report.

Fire Department Report. Brian reported that September had 6 fire calls and 29 EMS calls. The department had more training utilizing the school bus. The Haunted Town Hall is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. The Department joined with the Pelican Fire Department at Pelican School for fire prevention week.

Oneida County Request for input on Section 9.59 Placement of Semi-Trailers and Shipping Containers to pursue taking Section 9.59 back to the Oneida County Board for reconsideration. See Citizens Concerns above for residents' concerns. The resolution failed last year due to a tied vote. Discussion. Three items will be sent by the clerk to Karl Jennrich at Oneida County Planning and Zoning – 1) To bring back to the resolution and ordinance to the county board, approve and enforce. 2) Give consideration as to allowing the containers on a minimum lot size of 5 (five) acres in zoned residential areas. 3) Require maps as to where the containers are to be placed on the property to be in the permit process.

WI DNR notice of pending application for proposed piers at Pine Harbor, Kirk Ecklund, owner. The letter and some of the materials were reviewed. Discussion. The town has no comments or request for a public hearing and expressed that it would be a positive improvement along the river.

Communications. Jim had the WTA Unit Meeting notice. A notice from Planning and Zoning regarding a property at 3731 South Limberlost Road the owner had built a second structure on a slab without the required permit. A notice from Planning and Zoning for a building permit denied for a retaining wall at 5271 Loop Heights.

Cindy had the fire inspection for the town shop with no issues. Resolution from Oneida County to amend the code to increase the dog license fees from \$5.00 to \$10.00 for neutered/spayed dogs and from \$15.00 to \$20.00 for intact dogs. Purchase Contract had been received for the new patrol truck from Truck Country.

Motion by Brian Gehrig to approve the October vouchers for payment, second by Jennifer Cordy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next board meeting is set for November 15, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to adjourn, second by Jennifer Cordy. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Cindy Skinner, Clerk