

Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on November 15, 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 according to Wisconsin Statutes.

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

Chairman Flory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Jennifer Cordy to approve the agenda and the chairman to move items around, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2023, Town Board Meeting, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Board Supervisor report. Diana Harris reported that county board had met the day before. The county is researching information regarding hiring a full-time administrator or a part-time co-ordinator. A consultant is being hired for the transition from the Human Service Center. The taxi company being run from a residence on Moon Lite Bay Road was in court Monday. The case will proceed further. The county passed the 2024 budget.

Library Report. Diana Harris reported that the check-outs for Pine Lake residents were 882 in October and 8,831 for the year. The budget was approved without cutting library hours, but with cutting material costs instead.

Constable Report. Jake Nitzel reported that he helped with traffic control at a rollover accident near Hodag Countryfest entrance, removed a large tree branch from Pine Lake Road, asked motorist illegally parked at one of the fire department's watering sites to move their vehicle, had some complaints of parking on Manor Road, continuing to drive by the park to check on things, and had a dog complaint on Hillside Road.

Citizens Concerns. Tammy Mueller is the co-ordinator for a craft and vendor show held the second Saturday in November and has done so for several years. In the past five years prior to this year, her group was allowed to use the fire department garage as a vendor setup as well as a walk through for customers to the fire department meeting room rather than using both entrances. After it was brought to the attention of the town board last year, access to the garage was no longer allowed due to the exposure of all the equipment, except the trucks, to the public. Discussion. Ms. Mueller was informed that she can ask to be on a future agenda for further discussion and possible change of decision.

Highway Shop Committee Report moved up on the agenda. Greg Oettinger had installed a septic system for property located on Sandy Beach Road with the drainfield being located on the opposite side of the road. This location makes it necessary to cut the road and install the piping about 4' deep to the drainfield. He will repair the damage to the road with asphalt next year as it's too late in this season. A temporary cold patch suggested by Tim Oestreich be used until final repairs are made. Tim reported that he had been contacted regarding West View Road and actual ownership of the road – if an easement or a town road. The information was given to Jon Badow to help clarify the ownership and the town has a deed to 487' of the road in question. The crew has the shoulder work done. The dump is closed for the season and will be ready to burn mid-winter. Trucks are all ready for the winter. The salt/sand shed new roof is completed.

Outdoor Recreation and Park Committee report. Jen Cordy reported that the group met on November 7th to review the accomplishments done over the summer by all the volunteers. The winter meetings will plan for future projects and possible fundraising to help with the projects. The Rhinelander Men's Softball League is going to work the summer of 2024 to prepare the ballfield for play in 2025. The president of the league will obtain estimates for lighting and fencing. A sign for the park similar to a trailhead kiosk for posting rules and other signage will be built for approximately \$350.

Financial Report. Cory Hoffmann reported – Book Balance – 9/30/2023 - \$794,652.49, Income for October - \$51,035.31, Expenses for October - \$365,104.96, Book Balance – 10/31/2023 - \$480,582.84. Peoples Checking Balance - \$338,407.47. Peoples Money Market Balance - \$142,175.37. Bank Balance 10/31/2023 - \$480,582.84

Wages for 2024 were recommended by the Budget Committee to increase for all town employees by 4%. Cindy Skinner also requested a raise for the election workers of \$2.00/hour for the chief inspector and \$1.50/hour for the regular

inspectors. Motion by Jennifer Cordy to approve the 4% increase in wages for town employees and \$2.00/hour increase for chief election inspector and \$1.50/hour for regular election inspectors, second by Ron Lueneburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Jim Flory to approve \$30,000 of the Supplemental Shared Revenue be designated for the fire department, second by Ron Lueneburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Jennifer Cordy to amend the 2023 budget moving \$48,919.62 from the Hwy Truck Replacement Fund, \$2,666.82 from the Ballpark Project Reserves, and \$93,614.50 from ARPA Funds into the 2023 budget various accounts, second by Ron Lueneburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Building and Grounds Report. Brian Gehrig had no report and asked to table the agenda item regarding the change to Spectrum from Frontier.

Fire Department Report. Brian Gehrig reported that October had 6 fire calls and 48 EMS calls with 27 of those being in Pine Lake. The Haunted Town Hall was again a success with 800+ in attendance. The fire department annual letter had been sent out. Repairs on the pumper will be done after Thanksgiving.

Communications. Jim Flory had received a copies of a notice to a property on Pine Lake Road with garbage and dilapidated camper and notice to the cab company operating illegally on Moon Lite Bay Road.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the November vouchers for payment, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next town board meeting is set for December 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to adjourn, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Cindy Skinner, Clerk