

1 **Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on December 19, 2007,**
2 **at 6:30 P.M., in the Pine Lake Community Building, 4197 River Road, Fire**
3 **Department Room # 1.**

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5 Notice of meeting was posted in three (3) locations within the Township of Pine Lake
6 according to Wisconsin Statutes. Meeting was also posted on www.townofpinelake.com
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8 **PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Flory, Supervisors Brian Gehrig, Timothy Oestreich, Charlie
9 LaHam (arrived late), and Matt Matteson, Treasurer Judy Ring and Clerk Cindy
10 Skinner.

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12 Chairman Flory called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Motion by Matt Matteson to
13 approve the agenda with any changes that chairman needs to make, second by Tim
14 Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote of 4 ayes and 0 no.

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16 Motion by Brian Gehrig to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2007, Town Board
17 Meeting, second by Matt Matteson. Motion carried by voice vote of 4 ayes and 0 no.
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19 Treasurer's Report. Book Balance - 10/31/07 - \$311,335.88. Receipts - \$96,740.18.
20 Disbursements - \$44,784.46. Book Balance - 11/30/07 - \$363,291.60. Checking
21 Account - \$216,683.59. Money Market Account - \$57,218.79. Peoples State Bank CD -
22 \$67,910.18. Mid-Wisconsin CD - \$21,479.04. Bank Balance - 11/30/07 -
23 \$363,291.60.
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25 Library Report. Nancy Vevea handed out library newsletter. Reported on programs at
26 the library. Pine Lake usage about the same as last year.
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28 Citizens Concerns. None
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30 Radley Watkins, County Aquatic Invasive Species Co-ordinator, not present. Postponed
31 until later in the agenda.
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33 Northern Waste and performance bond letter or contract addendum for bond. Tracy
34 Howard of Northern Waste explained the difficulty in finding a bond for the contract.
35 Board needed more information. Tabled until January meeting.
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37 Notice of Claim received from Attorney Patrick H. Finlan on behalf of James Szymanski
38 regarding trees harvested by town crew from property without owner's permission.
39 Property being 29.5+- acres located in Govt Lot 3, S35,T37N,R9E, North of Shepard
40 Lake Road and West of Lakeshore Drive. Explanation to board by Jim Flory of notice
41 served by the sheriff's department to the town clerk and to John Stevens of the town
42 crew. After checking the area in question personally, he concluded that trees were on
43 the town's right-of-way. He contacted John Cirilli, attorney for the Town of Pine Lake.
44 John Cirilli sent a letter stating a conflict of interest as James Szymanski had also
45 contacted him. Letter is made a part of these minutes. Jim Flory then met with
46 Attorney Todd McEldowney. Insurance company was also contacted for a possible
47 liability claim. Motion by Matt Matteson to disallow claim, second by Charlie LaHam.
48 Further discussion as to recouping legal fees. To be on January agenda. Roll call vote
49 taken. Matt Matteson, aye, Charlie LaHam, aye, Brian Gehrig, aye, Tim Oestreich, aye,
50 Jim Flory, aye. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 0 no.
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52 Radley Watkins arrives. Explanation of problem of aquatic invasive species in area
53 lakes. As yet, lakes located in Pine Lake are not affected. Grants available to help
54 control the problem. DNR does not have enough manpower to monitor lakes, therefore,
55 it is up to area municipalities and lake associations to help out. Towns can do public

56 awareness and other things before the lakes are affected. He explained what the grants
57 were for and how to apply with deadlines of February 1st and August 1st. Jim Flory
58 requested Matt Matteson to look into further.

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60 Request by Bill Hoffman, volunteer firefighter, for \$650.00 payment to Ministry Health
61 Care for charges not covered by Workman's Comp or his private insurance for claim on
62 March 30, 2007 incident during a fire call. Claim had been for follow up to chest pains
63 that occurred during fire call and transport to hospital by ambulance. Brian Gehrig
64 excused himself from the meeting. Discussion. Concern raised regarding paying part
65 of a deductible for private insurance. The board expressed their appreciation for Bill's
66 work as a volunteer and all the other volunteers. Motion by Matt Matteson to pay 50%
67 of amount requested and seek additional insurance that would cover the volunteer
68 firefighters should this happen in the future. This is not to set a precedent for future
69 claims of similar nature. Second by Jim Flory. Roll call vote taken. Matt Matteson,
70 aye, Charlie LaHam, no, Tim Oestreich, aye, Jim Flory, aye. Motion carried with 3 ayes
71 and 1 no.

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73 Request by Jack Sorensen, Plan Commission member, for per diem pay for attendance
74 at two county overlay district meetings representing Pine Lake. Jim Flory had
75 requested Sorensen to attend meetings on March 28, 2007, and November 20, 2007.
76 Motion by Jim Flory to pay Jack Sorensen \$50.00 (\$25.00 per meeting), second by Matt
77 Matteson. Roll call vote taken. Matt Matteson, aye, Brian Gehrig, aye, Charlie LaHam,
78 aye, Tim Oestreich, and Jim Flory, aye. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 no.

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80 County request for approval to name private road off County Highway "C" owned by
81 Dan Dunham, Country Terrace Mobile Home Park, Country Terrace Drive. This
82 proposal is for better emergency response. Owner to pay for a new street sign. Motion
83 by Charlie LaHam to approve, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote of 5
84 ayes and 0 no.

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86 Proposed YMCA fringe benefit for fire department volunteers. Seth Bergin explained
87 plan to board. Might help in recruiting and retaining members of the department.
88 Clerk had checked on the legality of such proposal and the Wisconsin Towns
89 Association called it a fringe benefit that is taxable and subject to IRS reporting
90 requirements. Clerk confirmed that with the IRS. Discussion. To be on the January
91 agenda.

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93 REI Update. Attempted to close up site at the town shop, but tanks were frozen. Due
94 to come back on December 20th to remove the tanks. Wells were also frozen. Board
95 directed clerk to pay \$1,000 on the past due bill.

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97 Increase mileage rate to coincide with IRS for 2008 to \$.505 and increase amount of cap
98 for future raises. Explanation by clerk. Motion by Matt Matteson that mileage rate be
99 paid at IRS rates now and in the future, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by
100 voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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102 Renewal of Uniform Dwelling Code Inspection Contract with the City of Rhinelander for
103 2008. Motion by Jim Flory to accept, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice
104 vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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106 Appoint election inspectors for two year terms from January 1, 2008, through
107 December 31, 2009. Election Inspectors – Sieglinde (Rosalie) Collins, Mary Haenel,
108 Mary Johnson, Val Rhode, Elizabeth (Betty) Schwarz, Rosalie Skinner, Joan Stefonek,
109 Jodie Stefonek, Charlotte Wilcox, Beverly Wilmot, Inga VanKampan, Carol Miller and
110 William Miller. Elizabeth (Betty) Hargraves, Chief Inspector, and Pamela Werner, Chief

111 Inspector and Registration Deputy. Motion by Tim Oestreich to approve, second by
112 Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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114 Communications. Jim Flory had a letter stating that Smart Growth mandate from the
115 state had been extended from 1/1/2010 to 1/1/2015. Information from county that
116 humane officers are trained from the sheriff's department. For January 30th, public
117 hearing set by the county on the town's proposed zoning changes.

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119 Fire Department Report. Brian stated that November had two EMS calls. Explained
120 other grants received and being worked on. \$1.000 grant from Mid-Wisconsin bank for
121 defibrillators. One is needed at the town hall.

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123 Committee Reports. None. Evaluation sheets for crew not finished. Jim Flory
124 requested that they be completed and ready to go before April 1, 2008.

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126 County Supervisor. Matt Matteson reported on latest county events.

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128 Motion by Tim Oestreich to approve the December, 2007, vouchers for payment, second
129 by Charlie LaHam. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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131 Next board meeting set for January 16, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

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133 Motion by Jim Flory to adjourn, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote
134 of 5 ayes and 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Submitted by
Cindy Skinner, Clerk