

1 **Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on February 18, 2009,**
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, Matt
9 Matteson, and Charlie LaHam, Treasurer Judy Skinner and Clerk Cindy Skinner.

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11 Chairman Flory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Tim Oestreich to
12 approve the agenda, second by Charlie LaHam. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes
13 and 0 no.

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15 Motion by Charlie LaHam to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009, Town Board
16 Meeting, second by Matt Matteson. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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18 Treasurer's Report by Judy Skinner. Book Balance - 12/31/08 - \$1,313,480.20.
19 Receipts - \$1,513,571.15. Disbursements - \$942,202.38. Book Balance - 1/31/09 -
20 \$1,884,848.97. Associated Checking Account - \$1,631.03. Peoples State Bank
21 Checking Account - \$1,791,558.05. Peoples State Bank CD - \$69,704.25. Mid-
22 Wisconsin CD - \$21,955.64. Bank Balance - 1/31/09 - \$1,884,848.97.

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24 Library Report by Nancy Vevea. Nancy handed out circulation graph comparing Pine
25 Lake with other towns in the district. Upcoming events at the library - 2/19 - lunch
26 program about job searching, 3/2 - Dr. Suess program, free but need tickets, 3/10 and
27 3/11 - Children's Book Fest at Quality Inn. Tax forms are available at the library.
28 Update on senior project. Library foundation recently completed a meeting room
29 remodel. Clerk Cindy Skinner read Nancy's letter of resignation to the board. The
30 board thanked Nancy for her service.

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32 Citizens Concerns. Joe Belanger requested that something be done about the water
33 runoff now from the Hodag Country Fest driveways as well as gravel washed onto roads
34 in summer. Causing hazard with ice and water not draining off. Country Fest owners
35 would be responsible for remedying the situation. Letter will be sent to owners and
36 board will work with them in spring to get fixed.

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38 Cory Hoffman, Pine Lake Fire Department, introduced Nancy Schraperkotter from
39 Employee Resource Center out of Wausau to explain the Employee Assistance Program.
40 Program is designed to help employees deal with personal issues through counseling.
41 She outlined services available. Their company contracts with local counselors so
42 employees do not have to travel to Wausau for service. An Employee Assistance
43 Program is required by state law. Annual fee of \$2,400 for all town employees and fire
44 department volunteers. Questions were asked and discussed. Brian Gehrig will do
45 some more research with surrounding townships. This program had been offered by
46 the county until a few years ago, when it was dropped. Current health insurance plan
47 that the town has does not offer this service. To be on the March agenda.

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49 Northern Waste, Inc., with additional increase to recycling. Beginning March 1, 2009,
50 county again increasing charge for recycling to \$45 per ton, which is a \$30 increase
51 from the last two increases. Tracy Howard of Northern Waste offered to absorb the
52 initial \$15 per ton increases from December and January if the town would renew the
53 contract now for another three years. Recycling charge would remain at \$30 unless it
54 would decrease, at which time savings would be passed along to the town. Tracy
55 handed out new project costs of \$.90 per unit for 1,385 units. Discussion. Solid Waste
56 Contract Committee will meet with Northern Waste to work out details. To be on the
57 March agenda.

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59 Request by county Land Information Office to change number (address) sequencing on
60 Journey's End Road. Clerk presented information received and county requested board

61 approval because so many parcels were affected and they wanted to make sure that
62 town budget would handle the signs needed. Motion by Brian Gehrig to approve
63 renumbering of Journey's End Road, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice
64 vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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66 Town crew reduction. Jim Flory gave history and reasons to reduce crew from three to
67 two. Matt Matteson expressed additional reasons. Jim Flory had talked with town
68 chairman of Pelican which has two full time crew members and have for many years.
69 Pelican also has more road miles then Pine Lake. Discussion. Employee affected will
70 be Joe Belanger. Motion by Matt Matteson to reduce crew to two employees as of April
71 1, 2009, second by Charlie LaHam. Further discussion including call back of employee,
72 impact of 10 hour days and duties for two crew members, and on-call snowplow driver
73 part-time to maintain the good level of road maintenance, especially in winter. Roll call
74 vote taken. Matt Matteson, aye, Charlie LaHam, aye, Tim Oestreich, no, Brian Gehrig,
75 no, Jim Flory, aye. Motion carried – 3 ayes and 2 no.

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77 Town shop update. Special meeting had been held February 16, 2009, with new
78 building approved for construction by the residents in attendance. Red Williams
79 checked with an architect and fees could be 8% of total cost of project or much higher
80 than the \$12,000 allowed. Brian Gehrig had also talked to a local architect for a flat fee
81 and \$12,000 was the approximate price given. Discussion and questions.

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83 Communications. Cindy Skinner read a thank you card from Judy and Mick Phillips to
84 the board for all their good work. Also the need for Board of Review training for board
85 needs to be completed this year. Decided clerk would order the audio CD for the board
86 to receive their training.

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88 Fire Department. Brian Gehrig reported that all the trucks had their maintenance
89 completed. December had 8 fire calls and 5 EMS calls. January had 10 fire calls and
90 16 EMS calls.

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92 Committee Reports. Plan Commission report by Tim Oestreich. Commission met
93 February 11, 2009. A zoning change request on the agenda for Cross Country Bar and
94 Grill had no action as party did not attend the meeting. Frank Bennett, chairman of
95 Plan Commission, will be resigning as of April, 2009.

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97 County Supervisors. Matt Matteson reported that the county board met. Debated the
98 \$200,000 grant money for AIS. Board also discussed six month hold for filling job
99 vacancies. A public meeting for February 19, 2009, will be held for the Outdoor
100 Recreational Plan. Question as to why county developing subdivision plan when
101 townships have their own. Unable to answer, as he is not on that committee.

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103 Motion by Brian Gehrig to approve the February, 2009, vouchers for payment, second
104 by Charlie LaHam. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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106 Next board meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

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108 Motion by Charlie LaHam to adjourn, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice
109 vote of 5 ayes and 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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111 Submitted by
112 Cindy Skinner, Clerk
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