

Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on September 20, 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 Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2023, Town Board Meeting, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Board Supervisor report. Diana Harris reported that due to the Wisconsin County Association's conference, county board will meet next week. An item on that agenda will be a resolution to terminate the contract with the Human Service Center due to lack of sufficient service being done for the residents. Those services will probably be taken over by the social services department. Brian asked Diana to follow up on the emergency radio systems.

Library Report. Diana Harris reported that Pine Lake had 891 checkouts for August and 6,993 for the year.

The Rhinelander District Library budget proposal was moved to later in the agenda.

Constable Report. Jake Nitzel reported that he had a request for two live traps for feral cats. Followed up on the complaint of the garbage out too soon for pickup on Trails End Road and there was none out. Asked the owner of a truck parked on the STH 17 right-of-way to move the vehicle. Dog issue on Hillside Road. Assisted with traffic control for STH 17 two vehicles accident. Report of vandalism on the road signs for Forest Lane and Thunder Lane. The town crew took care of cleaning the signs. He reminded the Moen Lake Campground not to allow the parking of golf carts on the road right-of-way. Received a complaint of junk at a residence on Pine Lake Road. Complaint of a possible dog kennel being run on Cambridge Court. Cory explained that the owners receive a kennel license because they have multiple dogs, not a business. The basketball hoop has been removed from North Bay Road.

Citizens Concerns. Jim Skinner regarding the cab company being run out of a residence on Moon Lite Bay Road. Also, continue to have dog issues. Suggested that he contact Oneida County Planning and Zoning for more information.

Hodag Sno-Trails club requested permission for temporary use of 1.3 miles of Spider Lake Road for route this coming season. Scott Hetland explained that a landowner has permanently closed a portion of this main route and the need for the temporary route. Currently working with other landowners to re-route, but won't be able to have ready for the 2023-2024 season. Discussion as to icing the roads, possible accidents and damage to the roads when the snowmobiles use them. Jen asked for an annual plan from the club in order to keep the board apprised of what's going on with the routes and to have that plan early in the year and not right before time for season start. Tim would like input from the Spider Lake Road residents since it is a heavily used road. Further discussion. Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve up to 1.3 miles of Spider Lake Road as a route for the 2023-2024 season only and the club to come back to the board in April, 2024, for an update that includes all current road routes granted as "temporary", second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Financial Report. Cory Hoffmann reported – Book Balance – 7/31/2023 - \$687,074.38, Income for August - \$311,138.40, Expenses for August - \$143,039.21, Book Balance – 8/31/2023 - \$855,173.57. Peoples Checking Balance - \$714,250.63. Peoples Money Market Balance - \$140,922.94. Bank Balance 8/31/2023 - \$855,173.57.

Motion by Jennifer Cordy to amend the 2023 budget to move the \$4,200 from the Arcadia Fire into the Fire Department Working Fund, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Jennifer Cordy to pay for the BadgerBooks in the amount of \$6,484.95 from the ARPA funds, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Highway Shop Committee Report. Tim Oestreich reported that the crew has brushed Isle View Drive and received a complement from a resident for a good job. They also are mowing, shouldering, doing truck repairs and preparing snow fencing to go up. Salt/sand was ordered. The county LRIP grant committee meeting is scheduled for October 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Solid Waste Contract Committee Report. Tim Oestreich reported that the committee received three proposals for the upcoming new contract. Proposals had been received from WM (Waste Management-current contractor), Howard Disposal, LLC, and Republic Services. The clerk had prepared a spreadsheet for the board to compare the unit prices for monthly and annual costs. Each of the proposals had some items for consideration. Discussion along with a list compiled of questions to be emailed to the contractors and returned prior to the Special Town Board meeting for the final decision. That meeting date is now changed from October 4th to October 5th at 6:00 p.m. The contractors will be notified of the change.

Outdoor Recreation and Park Committee Report. Jen Cordy reported that a group had worked a full day on September 8th installing part of the jungle gym. September 19th was a work evening for continuing the installation. Another work night is scheduled for September 26th to finish that project. Hopefully the bathroom will be redone this fall. The Rhinelander Softball League will make a monetary commitment for the use of the ballfield. They need to provide a project plan and written agreement to the board. Thank you to Jan Breivogel for the new benches that he built. Regular meetings will resume during the winter.

Rhinelander District Library budget proposal. Discussion as to the errors in the original submittal, which have little impact on the bottom line. The request is for 3.7% increase of \$29,420 with Pine Lake's share of the total 2024 budget being \$125,431.55 – an increase of \$759.44 using the corrected figures. As reported from the library director, Pine Lake would increase \$771.22. Cindy had researched items such as number of staff members compared to other libraries on the Wisconsin Valley Library Service, as well as comparisons regarding usage, circulation, programs, etc., from 2018 to 2022 in the data provided by WVLS on their website. Tracking shows that the library usage, etc., has decreased significantly over the past 5 years. Lengthy discussion. Motion by Jennifer Cordy to reject the 2024 district library budget as presented, second by Ron Lueneburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ordinance Review Committee Report. Jen Cordy reported that the committee met and redid the ATV/UTV Route Ordinance, the Firearms, Other Weapons and Fireworks Ordinance and the Alcohol Control Ordinance (which was broken down into 6 separate ordinances). She explained the changes made to the current ordinances. Discussion. Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the revised ATV/UTV Route Ordinance, second by Jim Flory. Roll call vote taken. Lueneburg, aye, Cordy, aye, Gehrig, aye, Oestreich, aye, Flory, aye. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 no.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the revised Firearms, Other Weapons and Fireworks Ordinance, second by Brian Gehrig. Roll call vote taken. Lueneburg, aye, Cordy, aye, Gehrig, aye, Oestreich, aye, Flory, aye. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 no.

Motion by Jennifer Cordy to approve the six Alcohol Control Ordinances, second by Ron Lueneburg. Roll call vote taken. Lueneburg, aye, Cordy, aye, Gehrig, aye, Oestreich, aye, Flory, aye. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 no.

Building and Grounds Report. No report.

Fire Department Report. Brian Gehrig reported that August had 6 fire calls and 33 EMS calls. The annual pump test was conducted and the 1993 truck didn't pass. Working on finding out the issue.

Email addresses for officials. Discussion as to the wi.gov and the gmail.com. Consensus was those who need to are to set up gmail.com addresses and send to the clerk to be put on the town's website.

Communications. Jim Flory received copy of a letter from county planning and zoning to the owners of 4222 Annie Lane that they are renting it out as a tourist rooming house and advertising as a 3 night minimum stay as well as advertising for 6 guests when the permit is 4 guests and both are in violation of their permit. They were advised that the ad be changed or face citations. He also received a request from the Chamber of Commerce for a letter of support from the town. Public Hearing notice from the county.

Cindy Skinner – contact for another tree service, Schmelling out of Newald, WI. The WisLR packet had been sent out to the town chair. Thank you email for a “Hidden Driveway” sign installed on Birchwood Dr. Pest control report from Plunkett’s. Copy of the DNR Permit received for the fish sticks in Moen Lake. MFL reports from the DNR. Follow up on the Trails End property owners putting out garbage days before pickup and that it is not a rental property. Notice from county for emailing documents for CUP, ARP, public hearings and complaints instead of mailing – the clerk opted to continue to have them mailed but only to the clerk – due to unreliability of email. Copies of letters sent to the owner/s of the Newbold property on Dundee Road regarding the junk. Offer from North Central Regional Planning commission to help, for a fee, to update of the town’s Comprehensive Plan – not needed at this time as plan was updated in 2017.

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

Next board meeting is set for October 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Also the Financial, Insurance and Budget Committee meeting is set for October 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the Special Town Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Brian Gehrig to adjourn, second by Jennifer Cordy. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Cindy Skinner, Clerk