

Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on September 17, 2025, 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 Jim 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 as needed, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025, Town Board Meeting, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote.

Library Report. Pam Winchell reported that Pine Lake numbers for July were 894 and August were 932. The library board is reviewing policies. Kim Swisher resigned from the fundraising. The matching funds promotion was extended to December. The library board has requested an audit be done. The last one was 2007. Bill Freudenberg, now president of the library board after the resignation of the president a couple of weeks ago, added to the report informing the board that he had checked on the audit information and RFP's will be done to hire an auditor. He explained different aspects of what is happening. The board has also started the process of hiring a new consultant for the building project. Ron asked when the retired employee last worked and her last check was issued in 2025.

County Board Supervisor report. Diana Harris reported that the executive committee for the libraries had requested financial records twice not only from Rhinelander but the other two libraries in the county, but have not received any yet for budget information. The tax delinquent parcels will be posted. New corporation counsel was appointed yesterday. There are also a new chief medical examiner and new human resources director. Capital improvements requests are due for the budget. The budget hearings will begin in October. At the county board meeting, a proposal regarding length of time for rentals of tourist rooming houses was not agreed on.

Constable Report. Jake Nitzel reported a second dog attack on another dog on Aberdeen Rd – sheriff now handling. Fireworks complaint on Thunder Lane. Little Pine Acres junkyard complaint being handled at the county level. Received a call regarding a van left parked on Crystal Lake Rd. Checked on a vehicle broke down on Highway 17 and sat with flashers on until tow truck arrived.

Citizens Concerns. A resident from Headquarters Trail thanked Brian Gehrig and the First Responders for helping his sister who was visiting and had fallen.

Scott Hetland and Jim Jungers were present for Hodag Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club along with several members to update the town board on the trail situation for the 2025-2026 season. They have been able to acquire property owner permission to run the trail over private property off of Spider Lake Road. The board members were given a map indicating the trail. They are unsure about Spider Lake Road from near Crystal Lake Road to near the Sugar Camp border and requested use of the road. With the new construction, most of Spider Lake Road will not be used by the snowmobiles. Discussion. Motion by Jen Cordy to approve the use of Spider Lake Road near Crystal Lake Road to the Sugar Camp border by the club for snowmobile travel for the 2025-2026 season, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code (2025) ordinance approved in September had an incorrect entry for the Penalties area of the ordinance. Clerk requested that the ordinance be rescinded and the revised ordinance be approved with the correct Penalties information. Motion by Jen Cordy to rescind the Update to Ordinance for Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code (2025) approved at the September board meeting, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote. Motion by Jim Flory to approve the corrected Update to Ordinance for Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code (2025), second by Ron Lueneburg. Roll call vote taken. Ron Lueneburg, aye, Jennifer Cordy, aye, Tim Oestreich, aye, Brian Gehrig, aye, and Jim Flory, aye. Five ayes, 0 no. Motion passed.

Financial Report. Cory Hoffmann reported – Book Balance – 7/31/2025 - \$412,551.21, Income for August - \$617,841.97, Expenses for August - \$146,694.71, Book Balance – 8/31/2025 - \$883,698.47. Peoples Checking Balance - \$394,351.90. Peoples Money Market Balance - \$489,346.57. Bank Balance – 8/31/2025 - \$883,698.47.

Cindy received the levy limit worksheet and has budget nearly ready for committee. Finance, Insurance and Budget Review Committee meeting now set for Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Meeting Room #1.

Highway Shop Committee Report. Tim reported that the crew has been shouldering, patching and chipping as well as pushing up the dump, which is getting full of yard waste. The new truck has been repaired in Green Bay and ready to be delivered back to the shop. Pitlik & Wick will start the road construction on Spider Lake Road probably next week and the crack sealing will be done in October. The insurance company has sent a check to the town for the claim to repair the guardrail on Pine Lake Road culvert damaged by a non-resident driver. The amount estimated by Oneida County to do the work is \$2,791.49 with the insurance covering \$1,791.49 and the town will pay the \$1,000 deductible. The insurance company is unable to locate the driver through the insurance company stated on the police report but will continue to try.

Building and Grounds Committee Report. Brian reported that the telephones at the town shop will be replaced. The generators at both fire stations had routine checks done.

Fire Department Report. Brian reported that August had five fire calls and 48 EMS calls. The ladder truck has been returned after the upgrade was completed. The department is working with the state on the building permits for the Hodag Sports Club's banquet hall. The sales from ice during Hodag Countryfest as well as shirts, camper fills, etc., netted the department \$33,800. The department responded last week to mutual aid for a large fire in Sugar Camp caused by lightning strike. There was another large fire near Woodruff/Minocqua also caused by lightning. Having two big calls at the same time necessitated departments to be called in from other areas.

Communications. Jim had received from Oneida County Planning and Zoning copies of notices sent to Trails End Loop for junkyard, another on Trails End Loop for a 4x8 sign without a permit, Little Pine Acres for junkyard – all of these had been multiple notices. Harbor Road for a tourist rooming house violation. There is a public hearing on September 25th for the appeal of denial of building permit on Moen Lake Road after the owner had constructed deck and violated the OHWM rule. A public hearing on October 1st for PFAS will be held at the Stella town hall.

Cindy had notice from county highway department for the LRIP meeting on September 24th at 6:00 p.m. A request from the agent at Horton insurance agency to provide an insurance proposal for property of the town. Notice from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands that the interest rates have been reduced and that the school library funds distributed for 2025 by BCPL to Rhinelander School District was \$195,008. The total distributed throughout the state was \$70 million. Information from the Dept. of Revenue regarding Innovation Grants. Notice from the DNR regarding several properties applying for Managed Forest Law program. State building permit with conditional approval received for Hodag Sports Club building. Also county Administrative Review permit granted to Hodag Sports Club for the construction. A Tourist Rooming House permit issued to Cynthia and Jeffrey DeVor for their property located at 4210 Annie Lane. The land divisions approved last month by the town were also approved by the county. Notice from Department of Revenue that local governments are not exempt from local excise tax for electric vehicle chargers.

Brian had received and printed out the Oneida County Emergency Operations Plan. Cindy has it stored on the town's computer system.

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

The next board meeting is set for October 15, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The date listed on the agenda was incorrect.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to adjourn, second by Jen Cordy. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Cindy Skinner, Clerk