

1 **Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on January 16, 2008 at**
2 **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, and Matt Matteson, and Clerk Cindy Skinner. Absent-Treasurer Judy Ring
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11 Chairman Flory called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Motion by Matt Matteson to
12 approve the agenda, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes
13 and 0 no.
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15 Motion by Brian Gehrig to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2007, 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. No report as Judy Ring not at meeting.
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20 Library report. Nancy Vevea reported on hiring process to hire a new director to replace
21 Kris Adams-Wendt, who will be retiring. At the end of 2007, Pine Lake residents had
22 checked out 26,913 items. Down 1.4% from 2006. Handed out the latest library
23 newsletter.
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25 Citizens Concerns. None.
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27 Northern Waste. Update on performance bond. Insurance agency does not want to
28 issue a bond as contract states, which is a three year bond with a one year payout.
29 They prefer issuing a bond each of the contract years. Tracy Howard asked if the board
30 wanted them to continue searching for a bond or possibly dropping that portion of the
31 contract. Discussion. To be addressed later with Northern Waste to continue searching
32 for an insurance carrier.

33 Tracy requested board approval to change the schedule that recyclables are
34 picked up. Due to the wrong information regarding their newest truck and its capacity,
35 which is smaller than predicted, they cannot handle the recycle pickup as originally
36 proposed. Need to split the co-mingle plastic/glass/metal from the paper/cardboard
37 with each being picked up on different weeks. Northern Waste will send a letter of
38 explanation and a calendar to each household showing which weeks each will be picked
39 up. Suggestion to have a three month trial and if a large number of complaints, then to
40 be reassessed. Motion by Charlie LaHam to allow Northern Waste to split weeks-one
41 week co-mingle and one week paper/cardboard until further notice, second by Matt
42 Matteson. Question of extra bins could be stored at town shop for anyone requesting
43 them. Tracy agreed to that. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.
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45 Tracy questioned the number of residences in the original proposal request of
46 1,385 sites with physical addresses. She had 132 more than that. Brian Gehrig
47 explained that 1,385 is the correct number of site addresses per county. Discussion.
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49 Commercial customers are having trouble with trying to get released from
50 contracts with Waste Management.
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52 Russell Sommers, Hodag Property Management LLC, regarding complaint received from
53 Planning and Zoning for use of property being part of SESW, S21,T37N,R9E, PL 488-9,
54 located on County Highway W. Russell Sommers was not present. Discussion
55 regarding Cease and Desist Order from county for use of property as a contractor's
storage yard in violation of the zoning. Letter and information received and given to
Plan Commission to review. Brian Gehrig reported that he had received complaints

56 regarding burning of construction materials, etc., when land was first purchased by Mr.
57 Sommers' company. The DNR had sited them. There had also been other violations of
58 dumping. Nick Scholtes, neighbor, had been told a car storage building was to be built,
59 but has not happened. Items stored on the land included old tires, old appliances,
60 paint, etc. Explained concerns. Frank Bennett, chairman of the Plan Commission, was
61 told by the owners at the Plan Commission meeting that only vehicles were stored on
62 the property. Property checked by some members of the commission. Property is
63 located in a commercial area, but not this type of business. Resolution from the Plan
64 Commission was read by the clerk as follows: "In regard to the December 4, 2007,
65 Cease and Desist Order from Oneida County Planning and Zoning to Hodag Property
66 Management, LLC, about their property on CTH W, the Pine Lake Land Use Planning
67 Commission does not see this activity as a contractor storage yard and cannot support
68 the County's order." Frank Bennett recommends that nothing be done by the board
69 and that the owner needs to deal with the county. Frank Bennett along with the rest of
70 the Plan Commission did not have the complete story and therefore resolution was not
71 valid now. Motion by Matt Matteson that since the resolution by the Plan Commission
72 on January 9, 2008, regarding the Hodag Property Management LLC property
73 additional information has come to light concerning activities on said property and the
74 Pine Lake Board supports the county's enforcement action, second by Charlie LaHam.
75 Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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77 Dan Dunham, 4447 County Highway C, Unlawful Tax Claim being filed to have the
78 \$4,363.20 tax on the eight acre parcel PL-676 rescinded due to assessor clerical error
79 under Sec. 74.35 WI Statutes. Mr. Dunham explained situation resulting in a tax bill
80 error on PL 676. Several parcels had been purchased for a total price of \$325,000. The
81 eight acre parcel in question had been assessed the total \$325,000 value. Mr. Dunham
82 had submitted documentation from Al Romportl, Superintendent of Equalization for the
83 Department of Revenue and Accurate Appraisals, the town's assessor. At the time of
84 the change, the assessor was unaware of multiple parcels being purchased. Mr.
85 Dunham had also received a notice of this change, but failed to recognize that it would
86 impact taxes on the single parcel, thus missing Open Book and Board of Review for
87 2007. He requested that the town rescind \$4,363.23 and approve taxes in the amount
88 of \$345.03. The clerk explained the procedure to handle this. Motion by Tim Oestreich
89 to rescind due to assessor clerical error, second by Matt Matteson. Motion carried by
90 voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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92 Update on the James Szymanski Notice of Claim. Jim Flory reported that the town's
93 insurance company would handle everything and had interviewed the crew. James
94 Szymanski had received the letter for the denial of claim from the town board as it was
95 sent certified mail with a return receipt to the clerk.

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97 YMCA fringe benefit for fire department volunteers. Brian Gehrig excused himself from
98 the board. Seth Bergin had checked on any discounts for fire department members and
99 there were none. Discussion as to costs and oversight by both the department and the
100 board. The Fire Department Oversight Committee to work with the Fire Department
101 and have a proposal and costs ready for the 2009 budget meetings in September.

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103 Update on additional accident and sickness coverage for the fire department volunteers.
104 Charlie LaHam to review further.

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106 REI update. Everything is pulled out at the shop. Tanks are gone. Two wells not filled,
107 but crew can finish up. Now waiting for finalization in writing.

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109 Snowmobile Access Ordinance. Brian Gehrig explained reason for creating such an
110 ordinance for Pine Lake. Ordinance Review Committee met, developed and approved

111 the ordinance. Several towns in the county have already approved similar ordinances.
112 Discussion. Motion by Charlie LaHam to approve, second by Matt Matteson. Motion
113 carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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115 Resolution to transfer funds to balance overdrawn accounts in the 2007 budget. Clerk
116 read resolution. Motion by Tim Oestreich to approve, second by Jim Flory. Motion
117 carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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119 Communications. Oneida County Public Hearing for the Pine Lake zoning is scheduled
120 for January 30, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. Matt Matteson to attend.

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122 Fire Department report. December had eight EMS calls and three fire calls. Brian
123 Gehrig handed out the new officers list for 2008. The awards banquet is scheduled for
124 March 15th. He also handed out the service awards list for 2007.

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126 Committee reports. Shop Maintenance Committee met on January 8th and started work
127 on the crew evaluation forms.

128 The Ordinance Review Committee met on January 12th and developed the Snowmobile
129 Access Ordinance and is working on the fire department stand-by fees.

130 Plan Commission reported earlier.

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132 County Supervisors. Matt Matteson reported that the county had a light agenda for
133 January.

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135 Motion by Brian Gehrig to approve the January vouchers for payment, second by Tim
136 Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote of 5 ayes and 0 no.

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138 Next board meeting set for February 20, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.

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140 Motion by Tim Oestreich to adjourn, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice
141 vote of 5 ayes and 0 no. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Submitted by
Cindy Skinner, Clerk

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