

1 **Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on January 18, 2017, at 6:30 P.M., in**
2 **the Pine Lake Community Building, 4197 River Road, Fire Department Room # 1.**
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4 Notice of meeting was posted in two (2) locations within the Town of Pine Lake and on the town
5 website at www.townofpinelake.com according to Wisconsin Statutes.
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7 Present: Chairman Jim Flory, Supervisors Timothy Oestreich, Brian Gehrig, Inge VanKampen and
8 Treasurer Judy Skinner and Clerk Cindy Skinner.

9 Absent: Nick Scholtes
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11 Chairman Flory called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Inge VanKampen to approve the
12 agenda and chairman to move items as necessary, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice
13 vote.
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15 Motion by Inge VanKampen to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016, Town Board Meeting,
16 second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.
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18 Treasurer's Report by Judy Skinner. Book Balance - 11/30/2016 - \$674,317.58. Receipts -
19 1,591,787.65. Disbursements - 176,219.64. Book Balance - 12/31/2016 - \$2,089,885.59. Peoples
20 Checking Account - \$1,704,930.19. Peoples Money Market - \$134,955.40. Peoples CD - \$250,000.
21 Bank Balance - 12/31/2016 - \$2,089,885.59.

22 Cindy Skinner went over year end budget and balance sheet numbers. And then reviewed the balance
23 sheet for the beginning of 2017, same as end of 2016. On January 13th, amounts remaining in the
24 2016 budget for certain reserve accounts as well as the general fund were transferred into those
25 accounts and show on the 2017 balance sheet.
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27 Citizens concerns. None
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29 County Board Supervisor Report. Jack Sorensen first thanked the town crew for plowing their road
30 efficiently during last week's snowstorm. County board meeting - a joint transit system with Eagle
31 River was started. Route between Rhinelander, Eagle River and Minocqua. The county had advanced
32 to them \$50,000 until funding is received from federal and state resources. Zoning Committee will
33 have a public hearing in late February or early March for final changes to shoreland zoning. Sorensen
34 explained some changes affecting properties in Oneida County. The newly elected county clerk ran a
35 good first meeting. Internet services are still a big problem for the county residents and a push for
36 more is continuing. County working with smaller railroad companies for possible short line services in
37 the area.
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39 Item #18 moved. Library report. None as Cindy Skinner had not attended the January meeting. Jim
40 Flory and Skinner had attended the Monday, January 16th meeting of the Rhinelander District Library
41 partners. The amendment offered by the City of Rhinelander to average over three years the equalized
42 values and the population in order to even out the large amount swings in allocations from one
43 municipality to another each year was explained. Skinner had put numbers together for a better
44 visual for that meeting. The city had not shown any of their calculations. The percentage changes
45 were very minimal and did not address the issue of the levy limit restrictions and the large requests by
46 the library each year for their budget. That amendment to the funding formula failed for a lack of a
47 second.

48 Another amendment brought forward by the city was to be able to charge the library for their services
49 of bookkeeping, issuing checks for bills and payroll responsibilities. In current agreement, there is no
50 fee charged. In exchange for that, the City of Rhinelander would pay to the library, in addition to their
51 allocation for the budget, the amount charged by the city for their services - a "wash" to the budget
52 item. Skinner had put forth a concern that including that item in the total budget and allocating the
53 funding from the municipalities would skew the actual shares and should be a line item that is pulled
54 out before the figuring of the budget shares and then the city would add that amount to their share
55 separately. It was not included in the amendment but Dave Kroll, chairman from the Town of

56 Newbold, said that the towns will keep an eye on that on future budgets, if the amendment passes.
57 That amendment was approved by the four towns and the city contingent upon the ratification by all
58 the town boards and the city council. A copy of the proposed amended agreement was given to the
59 board members to review and will be on the February agenda for consideration.
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61 Set public hearing date for the Pine Lake ATV/UTV Club to gather information from interested
62 residents in order to continue process with county to open County W and County C to ATV/UTV
63 routes. This should be stated as an informational meeting, not public hearing, as noted on the
64 instruction sheet from the county Highway Commissioner. Discussed how or if to notify residents
65 along these roads. Methods suggested advertising in River News and North Star Journal and/or
66 letters or postcards. Who would be responsible for paying the costs – the town, the club or split
67 between both. Consensus to set the date for Saturday, April 8th beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the
68 Community Building. The clerk will take care of sending out postcards and advertising prior to
69 meeting. County requires advertising at least one week in advance.
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71 Snowmobile Route Ordinance #17-01. Town board had received copies of the ordinance to review
72 prior to meeting. However, Ordinance Review Committee meeting had been postponed from January
73 10th to the 17th due to weather. Two changes were recommended for the ordinance sent to board
74 members – removal of South Limberlost Road and the addition of River Road north of the dump road
75 for ¼ mile. The Ordinance Review Committee recommended the board approve the ordinance.
76 Discussion. Motion by Inge VanKampen to approve Snowmobile Route Ordinance #17-01 with
77 changes noted above, second by Brian Gehrig. Roll call vote taken. VanKampen, aye, Gehrig, aye,
78 Oestreich, aye, Flory, aye. Motion carried by 4 ayes and 0 nos. (Scholtes absent)
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80 Continued report from Ordinance Review Committee. A request from residents for a “no wake” zone
81 near Jailhouse Bar was reviewed for amending current town ordinance. Recommendation of the
82 committee was for the board not to pursue any further. An ordinance for address sign placement will
83 be reviewed at a later date.
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85 Renewal of Beaver Control Contract with Blake Jensen for 2017. Contract for \$95 per beaver not to
86 exceed \$490. Discussion on how many trapped in 2016. Jensen replied either five or six. Motion by
87 Jim Flory to approve the contract, seconded by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote.
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89 Highway Shop Committee Report. Jerry Roou, chairman from the Town of Pelican, had met with the
90 committee to discuss working together for road work on Faust Lake Road in 2017. Pine Lake has
91 about 830 feet and the City of Rhinelander has .07 mile with Pelican owning in between. Committee
92 will look at condition after thaw and make a decision at that time. Update on Cross Country Road
93 east of Highway 17. Road needs to be built up and the town’s culvert needs to be changed to alleviate
94 the water problems. Several short roads in the town were identified due to problems with the
95 snowplow trucks and access along with turn around issues. Committee will view those roads to
96 determine further action. The 2013 International patrol truck’s many mechanical issues were
97 reviewed at committee. Members decided to meet with the salesman from International to find out if
98 the town has any recourse. That meeting tentatively scheduled for February 9th. Discussed selling the
99 bulldozer. Will have Nortrax give an estimated value and then will list online for sale. Overtime issues
100 were discussed and worked out. A price for a new Simplicity garden mower was given to the
101 committee for review. Will be on their next committee meeting agenda and then on the February town
102 board meeting agenda. Decision to sell bulldozer and for what price will also be on February agenda.
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104 Clerk Cindy Skinner asked for direction on which account to take the latest repair bills for the 2013
105 International patrol truck in the amount of \$5,628.58 from – to draw out of reserve funds or from the
106 current budget. Consensus of board was to take from current budget.
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108 No other committee reports.
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110 Constable Report. Tom Quandt not present and no report.

111 Fire Department Report. Brian Gehrig reported that the 2017 Pierce Pumper truck was picked up
112 January 14th. The department is very happy with the truck and is equipping it out. December
113 numbers of runs not available but did have the 2016 total runs----174 EMS and 94 fire for a total of
114 268 runs in 2016, two less than 2015. EMS was down, but fire runs were up significantly. Explained
115 the mutual aid process when asked.

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117 Final payment at pick up of the 2017 Pierce Pumper was \$6,539.84. Clerk asked what account board
118 would like charged. Out of the 2017 Fire Equipment Replacement fund was used and consensus of
119 the board that was OK.

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121 Clerk Cindy Skinner also asked if the board would like to make an additional payment on the fire
122 truck loan with money in the reserve funds this year or to leave that reserve money to accumulate.
123 Discussion as to interest being charged and what town money is currently receiving in Money Market
124 or CD. Interest on loan is 3.25%, higher then interest being paid for town funds. Discussed as to how
125 much to add to current payment of \$65,046, which was added to the levy limit as additional tax
126 increase. The reserve fund has \$69,688. Brian Gehrig questioned if the proceeds from the sale of the
127 older truck had been transferred into the reserve fund. Cindy Skinner said she forgot to transfer that
128 amount of \$12,600 into the reserve and had left it in the General Fund in error. Will make that
129 correction to the books. Suggestion of \$30,000 made. After further discussion it was decided to make
130 a \$100,000 total payment taking \$34,954 from reserve funds to accomplish that. Motion by Jim Flory
131 to increase fire truck loan payment from \$65,046 to \$100,000 with \$34,954 coming from the FD
132 Equipment Reserve account, second by Tim Oestreich. Roll call vote taken. Gehrig, aye, Oestreich,
133 aye, VanKampen, aye, Flory, aye. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nos. (Scholtes absent)

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135 Communications. Cindy Skinner received an email from resident on Shady Point Drive commending
136 snowplow driver (John Stevens) for an exceptionally good job of plowing during the snowstorm.
137 Received Christmas card from Accurate Appraisals with a Subway gift card (given to fire department).
138 Increase in town's property insurance of \$1,831 for the new fire truck. Email received from WI Dept.
139 of Safety and Professional Services regarding Soil Erosion Control Plan Audit Changes utilizing a self
140 verification process for plans. The 2017 WI Property Assessment Manual is now online at the WI Dept.
141 of Revenue. Received a confidential complaint regarding 3930 Trails End Loop. Reported to both the
142 Planning and Zoning Office and the Sheriff's Department. There have been multiple complaints for
143 this property. Shared a letter sent to an out of state property tax payer in an effort to educate him on
144 why he thinks his property taxes are so out of line and gave him the assessor's contact in order to
145 discuss his assessment. Received another complaint regarding Advanced Disposal missing their
146 garbage---they were given contact information. Received call from WI Dept. of Revenue regarding the
147 license holder at The Hideout Steakhouse @ Kozy Korner. Will keep board informed. Information
148 about several upcoming education opportunities as well as the WTA District Meeting on February 3rd.
149 Current Master List for MFL lands available.

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151 Motion by Inge VanKampen to approve the January vouchers for payment, second by Brian Gehrig.
152 Motion carried by voice vote.

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154 Next meeting set for February 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

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156 Motion by Inge VanKampen to adjourn, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.
157 Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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159 Submitted by
160 Cindy Skinner, Clerk

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