

Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on May 20, 2026, 2026, 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 Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2026, Town Board Meeting, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Library Report. Pam Winchell reported that Pine Lake had 800 checkouts in April. The library board met with an architect for the library addition now planned for two phases. Story stroll in Hodag Park has started. There are lots of events and activities planned. Library board elections will be held in June.

County Board Supervisor report. Newly elected Mary Roth Burns reported that the county board is considering the sale of county property to the DNR. Grants for broadband expansions have been received. Stumpage amounts have been less than expected. She was appointed to serve on the ADRC and the Human Services Committees.

Constable Report. Jake Nitzel reported that he had received a call regarding shooting on Skunk Creek Road. Also a building going up without a permit. He followed up with Planning and Zoning regarding the complaint of the Moonlite Bay Rd property. He assisted with traffic control for an accident on River Road. SirenCon will be held at Camp Tesomas from May 27th thru June 1st. Sirens will be run on May 30th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Citizens Concerns. A representative from the county Human Service Center requested permission to use the town park on the corner of Trails End Road and Mohawk Shores Drive for their Birth to 3 Popsicles in the Park event on July 23rd from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The park does not have a reservation policy so the group is welcome to use the park.

David Minch, KerberRose, gave a report on the audit completed for the town's 2025 budget and also the completion of the Form CT for the state. The board had received copies of the audit and the written report that David reviewed. He suggested that the "unassigned fund balance" (listed as retained earnings on the balance sheet) be increased to about 15% - 20%. Question about the uninsured funds, which is a large amount at the end of the year due to property tax collections. This is a minimal risk because the town pays out to Oneida County, Rhinelander School District, and Nicolet College shortly after the end of the year the taxes collected for them. A concern that David expressed to the board was the use of a debit card by the Fire Department for their fundraising money which is held in a different bank checking account and strongly suggested that the department switch to a credit card in order to avoid any possibility of misuse of funds. That discussion will be placed on a future town board agenda for discussion.

Financial Report. Cory Hoffmann reported – Book Balance – 3/31/2026 - \$583,330.26, Income for April, 2026 - \$93,981.76, Expenses for April, 2026 - \$88,858.96, Book Balance – 4/30/2026 - \$588,453.06. Peoples Checking Balance - \$112,595.99. Peoples Money Market Balance - \$475,857.07. Bank Balance – 4/30/2026 - \$588,453.06

Highway Shop Committee Report. Tim reported that a meeting was held to formulate a "to do" list for the town crew to do in May and June and will be reported back to the town board at the June meeting.

2026 road projects. Waiting for the specs to be completed to be put out for bids for chip sealing, crack filling and overbanding.

Proposal from Pitlik & Wick for asphalt repairs on River Road from County Highway W to Trails End Road and replace intersection at River Road and County Highway W in the amount of \$10,660. Motion by Jim Flory to approve the proposal, second by Ron Lueneburg. Motion carried by voice vote.

Proposal from Northwoods Tree Service, LLC, for cutting and removal of trees from right of way at 4186 Shady Lane and 5392 Manor Road in the amount of \$2,250. Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the proposal, second by Jennifer Cordy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Purchase of 1-ton shop truck. Proposals received from Rhinelander GM and Wheeler's Chevrolet. Rhinelander GM came in less at \$68,976.50 including the accessories from Monroe with an additional cost for plow of \$3,170 from Truck Center of Rhinelander for a total of \$72,146.50. Motion by Ron Lueneburg to approve the proposals from Rhinelander GM, Monroe and Truck Center of Rhinelander in the amount of \$72,146.50, second by Brian Gehrig. Discussion. Roll call vote taken. Lueneburg, aye, Gehrig, aye, Oestreich, aye, Cordy, aye, Flory, no. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 no.

Discussion for possible loan payoff. No action at this time.

Solid Waste Committee met to discuss and possibly amend contract regarding fuel surcharges. Howard Disposal did not make the meeting. Another meeting will be re-scheduled soon.

Personnel Committee. Jen reported that the personnel evaluations had been collected. Committee will meet soon to review those.

Building and Grounds. Brian reported he was getting more proposals for the gutters on the Community Building. To be on the June agenda.

County excess right-of-way. The Land Information office had received a request to purchase the excess right-of-way owned by the county beyond the 33' of the center line on Pine Lake Road bordering PL-1181 and PL-1182. Before selling, the county checked to see if the town had any objections to the request. Discussion. Motion by Jim Flory that the town did not object to the sale of that portion of excess right-of-way, second by Jennifer Cordy. Motion carried by voice vote.

Fire Department. Brian reported that April had 39 EMS calls and 7 fire calls. A scholarship from the fire department auxiliary was awarded to Brianna Young in the amount of \$500. Applications are being made for four grants. A federal FEMA grant application for \$240,000 for air packs will require 12% match if received. The department has been doing training. Fire inspections are almost completed for the commercial properties. The department is considering the purchase of battery powered hydraulic tools that are demos, not brand new for approximately \$18,000 for the truck at fire station #2. A flag retirement ceremony will be held at Cross Country Bar & Grill on June 10th at 6:00 p.m. The department has purchased a 1949 fire truck with the fundraising funds to use in parades and for recruiting. Restoration will be done with the auxiliary funds and the truck will be stored in a storage unit.

Committee Appointments. Building Committee – Joe Dreifeurst and John Stevens re-appointed to 4/30/2028.
 Finance, Insurance & Budget Committee – Cindy Skinner, Cory Hoffmann and Jim Flory re-appointed to 4/30/2028.
 Highway Dept. Shop Maintenance Committee – Tim Oestreich re-appointed to 4/30/2028.
 Solid Wast Contract Committee – Tim Oestreich and Cindy Skinner re-appointed to 4/30/2028.
 Rhinelander District Library Board Member Appointment – Pam Winchell re-appointed to 4/30/2028
 Town of Pine Lake Plan Commission – Jeff Lynott, Ron Lueneburg and Wayne Kulhanek re-appointed to 4/30/2028
 Personnel Committee – Jennifer Cordy and Ron Lueneburg – ending of terms was set for 4/30/2027

Alcohol License applications for 7/1/2026-6/30/2027 for "Class B" Liquor and Class "B" Beer –
 Randy Jordan -Jail House Bar, 4056 CTH W, Xebec Corp., Gerry Van Harpen, Agent – Hodag Countryfest, 4270 River Rd, Sherry Spencer – Spencer's Den, 4116 River Rd, Twin Pines Bar & Grill, LLC, Cheryl Hirman, Agent – 4051 CTH C, Pine Harbor Beach Bar & Grill, LLC, Mark Bombinski, Agent – 3999 Trails End Rd., Lightening Good Times, LLC, William Heath, Agent – Birchwood Lodge & Rustic Bar, 3966 Moen Lake Rd., Cross Country Bar and Grill by Rex, LLC, Paul Hein, Agent, - 4285 Cross Country Rd, Hodag Sports Club, Inc., Michael Boyd, Agent, - 4480 CTH C, DA Kozy Korner, LLC, Kristopher S. Hanus, Agent – 4219 CTH W.
 "Class A" Liquor, Class "A" Beer – Al and Kathy's Dream, LLC, Kathryn Reinke, Agent – Moen Lake Campground, 4061 Lakeshore Dr. Motion by Jennifer Cordy to approve the Alcohol License applications, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote.

Cigarette, Tobacco, and Electronic Vaping Device Retail License application – Xebec, Corp., Dixie Nieuwenhuis, Agent – Hodag Countryfest, 4270 River Rd. Motion by Jennifer Cordy to approve application, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote.

Communications – Jim received notice for the findings of the Board of Adjustment regarding the Pine Harbor Properties, LLC, denial of Tourist Rooming House permit appeal.

Cindy had an email from Tom Reichert regarding Hildy Ln and West View Road. Shared information in the WTA magazine about contract bidding and legislative updates on Emergency Services.

Brian informed the board that fuel tank inspections have now changed to 5,000+ gallons above ground.

Motion by Brian Gehrig to approve the May vouchers for payment, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote.

Next town board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Jennifer Cordy to adjourn, second by Ron Lueneburg. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Cindy Skinner, Clerk