

**Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on July 16, 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](http://www.townofpinelake.com) according to Wisconsin Statutes.

Present: Chairman Jim Flory, Supervisors Tim Oestreich, Brian Gehrig, Jennifer Cordy, Ron Lueneburg, and Clerk Cindy Skinner.

Absent: Treasurer Cory Hoffmann

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 June 18, 2025, Town Board Meeting, second by Tim Oestreich. Motion carried by voice vote.

Library Report. Pam Winchell reported Pine Lake had 918 in June and 5,689 year-to-date. Budget is on track. The library added 877 new books. A fundraiser will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Nicolet College. Work on the 2026 budget begins in August. The capital campaign is still on going with a donation received that will match funds as they are raised up to a certain limit.

County Board Supervisor report. Diana Harris not present.

Constable Report. Jake Nitzel reported assisting three drivers. Received calls re: fawns and assisting getting them to Wild Instincts. A lost dog was returned to owner. Received complaint of people living in camper. He was notified that survey stakes were being moved on Riverview Drive. A video was taken of it being done. An abandoned car during Hodag Countryfest was handled. A call re: dogs not being taken care of and after checking on the dogs, they were OK. He helped with traffic control at Countryfest noting that there is a problem with pedestrians crossing Crystal Lake Road and tying up traffic. He plans to work on some ideas to alleviate this in the future.

Citizens Concerns. Jim Skinner thanked the crew for taking care of a dead tree overhanging Trails End Road in such a quick manner.

Joe Pazera gathered signatures on a petition for the town to adopt an ordinance banning use of the “wake” feature on boats on Moen Lake. Had a draft ordinance for the town board to review and other information about the subject for the board. Taylor Fawley also had signatures on a petition for the town to not adopt a wake boating ordinance for Moen Lake along with other information for the board.

Concerns about 4526 CTH C and county enforcement. Cindy had emailed Planning and Zoning to find out what was going on with the cleanup of this property to follow up for Brian and Jim who were getting calls requesting information. Karl Jennrich responded with information on what has been happening including letters to both this property owner, Frank Dalka, and the one next door, Cory DeMeyer. DeMeyer has been working on his but junked vehicles need to go. Dalka hasn't been doing much with his property. Letters were again sent to the owners with a July 21<sup>st</sup> deadline to get all junk vehicles removed. Dalka has been cited before, lost the property to the county, and then was able to re-purchase back from the county. Cindy also checked with Howard Disposal to see if the owners were putting garbage out regularly and the driver said that it was sporadic. A consensus that a letter from the town board to Oneida County about the unacceptable condition and the need for the county to do more to get this taken care of. Cindy will prepare and send that letter to the county.

Financial Report. Cindy read Cory's report – Book Balance – 5/31/2025 - \$430,605.61, Income for June, 2025 - \$9,515.39, Expenses for June, 2025 - \$78,479.33, Book Balance – 6/30/2025 - \$361,641.67. Peoples Checking Balance - \$50,206.12. Peoples Money Market Balance - \$311,435.55. Bank Balance 6/30/2025 - \$361,641.67.

Discussion putting an expenditures cap on purchases that would need board approval before being spent. Several high bills had been turned in by the fire department previously that prompted the discussion. Suggestion that nothing would be decided now but that a “heads up” to the clerk should be done for large expenditures.

Highway Shop Committee Report. Tim reported that the crew had been cutting trees, doing shouldering and mowing was started. Next week they will be doing the culvert and shoulder work on Spider Lake Road before construction is started in August. Jim received a complaint from a resident regarding the mowing of vegetation along Cross Country Road. It must be done for driver safety. The crew is in need of a good laser level when doing shouldering and culvert work along with a metal detector to help locate survey stakes. Brian brought up that there are several speed signs that are incorrect in the town and need to be replaced along with their posts. He reported that the DNR grant for the March ice storm clean up requested for \$28,000 was denied because our town's population is too small per square mile to meet their criteria for urban grants. He noted that small towns are the ones who need to help financially when these storms happen.

Awarding of the bids for the crack filling, flex patching and asphalt patching. Bids were received from Fahrner Asphalt for \$205,169.38 and Pitlik & Wick for \$73,280. Tim and Austin Pitlik went over the list for flex patching and they decided that only Manor Road, North View Drive, Trails End Road (distance listed on bid) and Oak Drive would get the flex patching reducing the total bid to \$56,980. Discussion. Motion by Jim Flory to approve the bid from Pitlik & Wick in the amount of \$56,980, second by Brian Gehrig. Motion carried by voice vote.

Building and Grounds Report. Brian reported that top soil is needed at the town hall to finish up where the septic work was done. It was also noted that the park can use top soil where the stumps were removed. The town crew can haul the dirt.

Fire Department Report. Brian reported that June had 6 fire calls and 37 EMS calls. Ron asked about mutual aid and about 50/50 EMS calls are between Pine Lake and Pelican with a couple in the Town of Stella. The first round of inspections are completed. The 2% fire dues were just received by the town in the amount of \$15,606. Ice sales were good during Countryfest and they had a lot of volunteers covering the times that they were open. Now preparing for Balloon Fest.

Fireworks Permits. Cindy brought these up due to the few permits received (8 this year) and the number of fireworks that she hears being set off near her home. Discussion that the permits are for the benefit of the person acquiring one as well as for law enforcement knowing where they are located. Brian does send the sheriff's office copies of the permits.

Communications: Jim – received letter from DNR regarding the free well water tests for PFAS being made available to Pine Lake homeowners. Letters will be sent out in batches over the next 3 to 6 months. County ordinance for Tourist Rooming Houses reducing the time for renting – meeting was June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Oneida County Comprehensive Plan meeting was July 14<sup>th</sup>.

Brian received a complaint regarding requirements for the UDC inspector.

Cindy – loan approval for Spider Lake Road and request for disbursement of funds to be made now. Oneida County Unit Meeting of WTA is July 30<sup>th</sup> in Newbold. Received a notice from the Department of Revenue that a complaint had been received regarding Pine Harbor Beach Bar and Grill for serving of underage kids without being checked over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. A call was received from a state agent yesterday that the bartender working currently didn't have a license at the bar – after checking files she wasn't licensed at all and came to the clerk's office today to get licensed. It was found that several of the operators at Pine Harbor are not licensed and will be contacting the clerk. Also, underage kids had been served over Countryfest weekend, too.

Jim and Cindy had met July 8<sup>th</sup> with the attorney in Wausau assigned by the insurance company to represent the town in the Summons received regarding the Sandy Beach Road decision made by the board. The board was brought up to date on what is happening. A 45 day extension was requested.

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

Next meeting is set for August 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Jim Flory to adjourn, second by Jen Cordy. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.