Proceedings of the Town of Pine Lake Board Meeting held on September 16, 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, and Clerk Cindy Skinner.
Absent: Treasurer Cory Hoffmann and Constable Jake Nitzel

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 August 19, 2026, Town Board Meeting, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote.

Library Report. Laura Tooke-Effington, library representative for Town of Pelican, reported in Pam's absence the upcoming events at the library in all the departments.
Library 2027 Budget received after the September 15, 2026, Library Board meeting. The requested total budget for the library to be paid by the four towns and the city is $852,404.04 – an increase of $34,748.04 from 2026 budget. Total library budget request of all entities is $1,087,943. It was explained by the clerk that the amount of $138,244.85 for Pine Lake's share is over the 2026 allocation by $13,805.85. The town's allowable net new construction levy increase for 2027 is $13,106. Discussion. Motion by Ron Lueneburg that the Town of Pine Lake reject the budget and request going to arbitration with the other towns and city, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote.

County Board Supervisor report. Mary Roth Burns reported the county board meeting only had one issue. She also followed up with her research regarding the property located on CTH C that has been contacted multiple times by the county to clean up the "junkyard". She also researched the city and other counties in the state on how enforcement is handled. This particular landowner will have a court hearing next Monday.

Constable Report. Jake Nitzel not present. Ron and Jim met with Sheriff Hartman regarding safety issues with traffic and pedestrians at the Hodag Countryfest as well as the town constable's roll. Next year those issues will be addressed as Sheriff Hartman will come up with a revised plan.

Citizen's Concerns. None.

Financial Report. Cindy read Cory's report – Book Balance – 7/31/2026 - $433,118.88, Income for August - $385,800.91, Expenses for August - $176,873.57, Book Balance – 8/31/2026 - $642,046.22. Peoples Checking Balance - $310,973.69. Peoples Money Market Balance - $331,072.53. Bank Balance – 8/31/2026 - $642,046.22. No fire department auxiliary account report for August due to their treasurer being on vacation.

Jen continues to research health insurance premiums but those final ones for small groups probably won't be released until October. The state health insurance plan no longer seems like a good option. Discussion.

Dates set for the Finance, Insurance and Budget Review Committee meetings will be Wednesday, September 30th at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Fire Department Meeting Room #1.

Highway Shop Committee. Tim reported that the crew has not been mowing. Brushing was done on North View Drive, some signs have been put up/changed, top soil was put at the town park where needed. Not a productive month. Pitlik & Wick have started the chip sealing. Discussion regarding the Manor Road culvert replacement and state grant received. Brian reported that the new pickup is ready to be sent to Monroe for the accessories and should be delivered to the town in about three weeks. The part of Shepard Lake Road near STH 17 should be paved and completed next Wednesday. Jim was notified that CTH W work by the county from Short Road to STH 17 will be delayed due to the need for soil boring.

Personnel Committee. Jen reported on the progress of the town crew's work evaluations. The committee met on September 9th to review/change areas of the evaluation form to be used for the other town employees. Based on time cards and evaluations, etc., an issue of the employees working an average of 30 hours per week due to PTO or off without pay was keeping projects/work from getting done during summer. She also explained the updates requested for approval to items #10 and #14 of the work agreement that address the attendance and steps to be taken for notification and approval. Possible that the town board needs to evaluate the need for the number full time employees as budget time is approaching. Discussion as to PTO – the amount and how used and that prior administrations had set those amounts. Possible looking to the future employees and changes done now. Discussion regarding the evaluations and how conducted. Brian asked when the Working Agreement updates would take effect and the board's consensus was January 1, 2027, if approved. The item will be tabled to a future agenda – possibly October.

Building and Grounds Committee. Brian reported that the generators were serviced last week. Furnace checks will be done soon.

Fire Department Report. Brian reported that August had 48 EMS calls and 6 fire calls. The Department participated in the 9/11 ceremony at the courthouse. This past weekend a group from a local church that one of the junior firefighters attends toured the fire department. Four pairs of boots were ordered for approximately $1,600. The CPR community class on September 26th has 17 signed up and possible 6 more will attend. October 3rd is the date of the bike race held at Camp Tesomas. Discussion as to why the town has not been notified of the event.

Communications. Jim received an invitation to the town board for the Open House of the new Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic by the Holiday Inn on September 17th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Cindy – the town received the insurance check $5,940.87 for the plow damaged last winter that was minus the $1,000 deductible. Several properties had applied for Managed Forest Law designation and the town can respond by September 26th if any issues with those requests. The county had sent copies of the ordinance amendments for Chapter 14 and Chapter 9, Article 5. The Wisconsin Elections Commission reminded clerks that the 2026 Post-Election Audit of voting machines is a random selection on November 4, 2026. A complaint regarding the condition of a sign on Royalwood Lane (NorthView Village) was received and the resident was directed to contact the county planning and zoning office. Report regarding the dam near the paper company on the Wisconsin River/Boom Lake was received from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

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

Next meeting is set for October 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Ron Lueneburg to adjourn, second by Jim Flory. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Cindy Skinner, Clerk