

Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2016

Chairman Zeitz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held March 1, 2016 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Breunig made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Langbecker seconded the motion.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Opper. Supervisor Langbecker made a motion to accept the report; Supervisor Breunig seconded the motion.

The Teeples' property demolition bids were opened: Kautza \$7,740; Abraham Trucking and Excavating \$6,975 & \$8,225; Peterson Brothers \$18,989.75; Eckert Wrecking \$6,350; and Duffek Sand and Gravel \$11,800. When the Board meets on April 15th to do the road inspection, the bids will be gone over again and one will be chosen.

The Pine River annual meeting will be held April 23, 2016 at 1 p.m. at the Pine River Town Hall. Lunch will follow.

Attorney Frokjer and Chairman Zeitz attended the North Central Planning Commission meeting with the city of Merrill and adjacent towns. Urban vs. rural was discussed regarding getting transportation aid.

The Planning Commission meeting that was held just prior to this board meeting had a request for a lot size of less than five acres for Russ Schreiber, W1055 Highway 64, Merrill WI. Since the Planning Commission recommended granting the request, the board granted the request with the condition that a certified survey map be done of the three acres including the buildings, well, septic and access; the motion was made by Chairman Zeitz; seconded by Supervisor Breunig and made unanimous by Supervisor Langbecker.

An update on Big Eddy was given by Chairman Zeitz. Since it is 35 MPH and has a high traffic count, the current two-foot shoulders would need an exception from the DOT to stay at the two-foot size. We can get bids on the project stating we are using TRI funds prior to the exception being granted. The city of Merrill will not be re-doing their section of the road this year.

The Town and the Fire Department financial audits on March 3, 2016 went smoothly. All funds are accounted for.

Chairman Zeitz had a recommendation from a citizen to charge the city of Merrill for every fire run made by the Town of Pine River Volunteer Fire Department (since the ratio of us helping them is about 12 or 14 to one). Chief Uttech said the idea sounds good, but it would not be feasible because: 1) We would need to charge all the other townships as well, 2) Since we use city water for some of our fires they might in turn not allow us to utilize the hydrants or their aerial truck when we would need them, and 3) No other townships have a similar charge so it would not be well-received by any other department.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were two fire related calls since the last meeting. There were four first responder runs.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Chairman Zeitz read the letter of opposition that he wrote to the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin in regard to ATC's building of the Ackley substation. Greg Metz stated that through his snowmobile club he has had over 30 requests to open roads to ATVs. He was hoping that routes currently open in the county could be connected by opening some of Pine River's roads. Discussion followed.

Invoices 13,189 through 13,248 were paid.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt