

Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2016

Chairman Zeitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held September 6, 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 Oppen. Supervisor Langbecker made a motion to accept the report; Supervisor Breunig seconded the motion.

The Town budget meeting will be held November 1, 2016 at the Pine River Town Hall at 6:45 p.m. The electors will set the levy. The town board meeting will then convene at 7:00 p.m.

November 8, 2016 is the General Election. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

A special town meeting was held September 30, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. The town board and Attorney Frokjer were present. John Uttech and Anthony Hartwig presented the long range plan for the volunteer fire department. There was discussion regarding Ackley Road. Chairman Zeitz made a motion and Supervisor Langbecker seconded to adjourn at 10:30 a.m.

Chairman Zeitz explained that the Ackley Road project will be on hold primarily because of three factors. 1) There was a preliminary engineering report needed (estimated to be about \$30,000) but culverts were already put in and some work was already completed by our town. 2) Timeframes are getting uncomfortably tight with when the job would need to be completed. 3) Many of the jobs would need to be bid out whereas if we did them ourselves, the cost would be significantly lower.

Chairman Zeitz received a holding tank agreement from Randal and Cheryl Routheaux at W1850 County Highway P, Merrill WI.

Chairman Zeitz discussed the Farmland Preservation Plan of Lincoln County. Loretta Baughan was present and explained the program. Since it is a very controlling plan, and after receiving feedback from the residents who were present, Chairman Zeitz made the motion that Pine River not participate in the Lincoln County plan for Farmland Preservation; seconded by Supervisor Breunig and made unanimous by Supervisor Langbecker. A letter will be sent to Matt Bremer at Land Services stating such.

There will be no recycling on December 24, 2016 but will be scheduled instead on December 31, 2016.

Assistant Chief Hartwig gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were six fire related call since the last meeting. There were five first responder runs. The fund raiser open house was a success.

The board will be meeting to take a look at the budget within the next few weeks. When the date is set, it will be posted.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Rose Hagedorn asked how Chairman Zeitz and Loretta Baughan voted regarding the Pine Crest bonding issue. Chairman Zeitz and Loretta explained why they both voted "No." Some reasons were that the amount jumped much higher than originally

requested, lack of patients to fill both new wings because of declining population, not addressing the needed upkeep on the rest of the building and not using quality materials that would need replacing prior to it being paid off. They and Attorney Frokjer explained that the bonding issue and privatizing were not either/or propositions.

Invoices 13,449 through 13,478 were paid.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt