

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held December 1, 2020 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Chairman Breunig and made unanimous by Supervisor Zastrow to accept the report.

The funding from the R2R and LRIP grants has come in.

Town attorney Frokjer's office has moved to Tomahawk with a new name—Frokjer Law.

The County has just approved the reclamation of two gravel pits in the town; ours, and County Materials (Luenberger).

Chairman Breunig made a motion, Supervisor Uttech seconded, and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous to stay with the Wisconsin Towns Association and not to join the Town Advocacy Council.

For road projects we lowered a culvert on Deer Run Ave. and cut a waterway on Deer Run to Center. The salt shed is filled.

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that Marilyn Zastrow let her know that someone was trenching close to the road on Spring Brook Ave. When Baughan looked at their work, it appeared that the boring was only about 11 inches below the surface. Frontier had hired a subcontractor to do the work and the equipment that they were using was inferior. Baughan will be sending a letter to Frontier to let them know that they will be responsible for any future issues arising from the poor workmanship done in the roadway. Baughan called Joe Hojan regarding the hauling of gravel out of the area where he was potentially going to set up a gravel pit on Center and Hillview. He said that he had hauled out a few loads to have washed to see what the quality was. He will be moving forward with the gravel pit permit this spring.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to stay with mBank for our banking needs; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

The caucus will be held January 26, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were no fire related calls but 13 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 15,588 through 15,676 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Supervisor Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held January 5, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the report; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

The town caucus was held January 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. The date needed to be moved from the 26th to be in compliance with state statutes. The only nominees were the incumbents.

Full-time employee sick pay benefits were discussed; Chairman Breunig made a motion to revisit the issue next month; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous.

The grader had wiring issues again.

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that with the latest DNR report, there are elevated levels of manganese above the recommended drinking water level at Little Florida trailer court. The levels were high in December and even higher with the following check. Signs of manganese are brown or black stains or black or brown sediment in the water. Elevated levels can affect brain and kidney functions. Filtration systems can remove the manganese to diminish the risk of overexposure. Also reported, at the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission meeting held January 27th the committee is looking into the city of Merrill for the development of the Highway 51 corridor as well as a corridor business park.

The 2020 Town and Fire Department audit will be Thursday, February 25th at 6:00 PM at the Hall.

The spring primary election will be February 16th for superintendent of public instruction.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There was one fire related call and 10 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 15,677 through 15,718 were paid.

Supervisor Uttech made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Zastrow seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2021

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held February 2, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made to accept the report by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig.

Lincoln County requested a resolution from the town approving their projected amendments to the shoreland ordinance. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to sign the resolution; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Chairman Breunig signed the amendment.

Full-time employee sick pay benefits were discussed. The issue will be revisited next month when more information is acquired from surrounding townships.

A roadwork update was given. Lincoln County contacted us regarding the matching funds for culverts 48" or larger; we have none to replace. Roadwork will start on Highway 51 in August and will have temporary ramp closures at that time. The town board will be completing a pavement check with Brian Oppen on Friday the 5th at 8:00 AM. We need to replace our chipper. Weight limit signs will be going up shortly. The yellow stripe on Center and Big Eddy will be repainted this year.

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that she sent emails back and forth with Frontier and they admitted responsibility for the poor job of burial and boring under/along-side of Spring Brook Ave. and that they would be responsible if future issues arose.

The Town of Pine River audit of 2020 books went well on February 25th at 6:00 PM.

The spring primary election was February 16th for superintendent of public instruction; 93 ballots were cast. The spring election will be held April 6th with polls open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Supervisor Uttech made a motion to move the April 6th Town and Zoning Committee meetings to the TPR Fire Barn due to the election location conflict; Supervisor Zastrow seconded.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 1:00 PM.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There was one fire related call (we lost a house on Center) and 7 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

The TPR Fire Department will be completing their audit of books following the meeting.

Invoices 15,719 through 15,768 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Uttech and made unanimous by Supervisor Zastrow. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Herdt



**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2021; Town of Pine River Fire Barn**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held March 2, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Chairman Breunig and made unanimous by Supervisor Zastrow.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Opper. A motion was made to accept the report by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig.

Full-time employee sick pay benefits were discussed. The issue will be revisited next month.

A roadwork update was given. Tarring is underway. We are looking into purchasing a wood chipper and a grass cutter. Town's gravel delivery prices will be going up one dollar/yard. The following road bids will be noticed: grind and pulverize with sheeps foot approximately 1 mile of Deer Run Ave. (Hwy. 64 to Center Rd.), repave approximately 1 mile of Deer Run Ave. (Hwy. 64 to Center Rd.) using two-lifts for a compacted total of 4", chip seal approximately 1 mile of Cain Creek Road (Hwy. 64 north) with 3/8" aggregate and hot oil and lastly, chip seal approximately 1/2 mile of Range Line Road (Hwy. 64 north) with 3/8" aggregate and hot oil.

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that permit requests are picking up.

There is a new grant due to COVID called the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Funds can be used through 2024.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to replace the office copier when needed; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous. Approximate cost through VIP is \$399.00.

The annual Clean Sweep will be scheduled for May.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 1:00 PM; luncheon will be served.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 2 fire related calls and 12 responder runs since the last meeting. The fire trucks are now being serviced through the City Garage at \$45/hour. The fire department open house will be held September 25th.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 15,769 through 15,805 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Uttech and made unanimous by Supervisor Zastrow. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held April 6, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Opper. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the report; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

All Pine River's incumbents were re-elected on April 6, 2021.

Paving bids were opened. For Deer Run Ave., American Asphalt's total bid was \$179,560; RC Pavers' total bid was \$184,728.80 and Northeast Asphalt's total bid was \$184,565.50. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept American Asphalt's bid for \$179,560 which was seconded by Supervisor Zastrow (Supervisor Uttech abstained due to conflict of interest).

Chip seal bids were opened. For Rangeline and Cain Creek Roads, Scott Construction bid \$28,178 and Farner bid 29,741. Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to accept Scott Construction's bid of \$28,178.; Chairman Breunig seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous.

Greg Metz requested a permit to divide a five-acre parcel at W3068 County Road P into two-acre and three-acre parcels. The Zoning Committee pre-approved. Chairman Breunig made a motion to grant the request; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

Jason Raasch from Northern Lights Fireworks requested a permit to sell fireworks at the Badger Wreath/Front Porch parking lot at N1879 Hwy. 17. The Zoning Committee pre-approved. Chairman Breunig made a motion to grant the request; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous. Raasch will follow the conditions set forth by the state, fire department, and the Zoning Committee.

The town purchased a Claas 7' grass mower for \$10,800. but are still in need of a chipper.

Clerk Herdt contacted the clerk of the Town of Ackley due to not having received an increase in the road aid that they paid our town since taking over Ackley Road in 2016. They are sending a check for the difference of what they received versus what they paid us in the amount of \$1,566.

Full-time employee sick pay benefits will be addressed next month.

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that the permit requests that were picking up last month dropped this month due to the extremely high cost of building materials. She also gave a brief summary of the legislation in Washington being supported by Tammy Baldwin called "Build Back Better." For weather-related infrastructure damage it allows upgrading to a higher standard than what had been there previously.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to renew the Wisconsin Town's Association \$1,095 membership; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

The town annual meeting was held April 24, 2021. Next year's meeting will be April 23 at 1:00 PM.

The annual Clean Sweep is scheduled for May 29th from 8:00 AM to noon.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 3 fire related calls and 9 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 15,806 through 15,848 were paid.

Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Chairman Breunig and made unanimous by Supervisor Uttech. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present except for Treasurer Opper.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held May 4, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the report; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

We received a bill for labor on our 2015 Case grader that was repaired by Miller Bradford. Since it is still under warranty through them, Chairman Breunig contacted them regarding the bill. Lane D. at Miller Bradford told him that they would cover the expense.

Chairman Breunig made a motion for Clerk Herdt to attend the Wisconsin Clerks Institute training July 12-16 for \$489.00; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous.

Liquor licenses for Bill's Bar, Chism Trail Ranch, and Sunset Hollow Ranch were signed by the board.

The road report was given.

Full-time employee sick pay benefits will be addressed next month.

Zoning Administrator Baughan gave an update regarding permits requested.

Trained officials for the board of review are: Chairman Breunig, Supervisor Uttech, Supervisor Zastrow and Clerk Herdt.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 3 fire related calls and 8 responder runs since the last meeting. More issues have arisen regarding not being paged by the county for emergencies. September 25th is the annual open-house fundraiser.

The annual Clean Sweep was May 29; it was well attended.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 15,849 through 15,899 were paid.

Supervisor Uttech made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Zastrow seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held June 1, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the report; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig.

Employees' sick pay benefits will be placed on the agenda for September.

Pine River received the first half of our ARPA funds of \$92,998.01. Since there is no clarification on what the money can be used for, we are not planning to spend the moneys until we have some assurance on what it can be applied to.

The road and equipment reports were given.

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that a Canadian company contacted her to find out if they could consider placing a solar farm in the township. Baughan requested a number of things from them letting them know that a conditional use hearing would be required; they have not contacted her back. She also received a permit application for updating the current Pleasant View cell tower.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to approve the Zoning Committee's update of the districts and district names; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Supervisor Uttech. Baughan will update our district map to reflect the changes.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 5 fire related calls and 12 responder runs since the last meeting.

Open book will be held July 23rd from 4 to 6 PM; Board of Review will be July 30th from 4 to 6 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 15,900 through 15,932 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Supervisor Uttech. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present except for Supervisor Uttech and Clerk Herdt. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held July 6, 2021 were read by Treasurer Oppen. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to accept the report; Chairman Breunig seconded.

Chairman Breunig and Chief Uttech gave reports of the terrible storm and tornado that went through Pine River July 28, 2021. Our road crew, volunteers, and Schreiber Logging have been clearing roadways and ditches. September Murphy (Lincoln County Emergency Management Director) and Theresa (Regional Director) gave information at the meeting regarding the Wisconsin Disaster Fund. September had worked with Chairman Breunig to formally request assistance. Approved expenses would be reimbursed at 70% leaving the town with 30%.

ARPA fund spending is still on hold. There is still no clarification on what the money can be used for.

Baumgart Waste Removal increased their charge for taking our recycling. They are now charging an additional \$200 for covering their increased drop-off fees. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the new fee. Including the pick-up fee of \$125, the new monthly charge would be \$325; Supervisor Zastrow seconded.

The County is looking for an ordinance from us as proof that Center, Heritage, Spile Dam, and Oxbow Creek roadways are approved for snowmobile usage. Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to make these roads accessible until such time as we choose to remove the privilege; Chairman Breunig seconded. Attorney Frokjer will draft a snowmobile ordinance for the board to sign at our next month's meeting.

The road and equipment reports were given. Supervisor Zastrow is looking into purchasing a wood chipper. Brian will be looking into taking our old mower and chipper to an auction site.

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that Kevin TerMaat from WPS called to let us know that they are rebuilding the Rangeline powerlines with new lines and taller poles. Trees will be trimmed during their rebuilding. Work will take place spring/summer of 2022. They are looking to update County P to Shady Lane and the Highway 64 corridor as well. WPS has been bought out by Wisconsin Electric who wants to update antiquated lines.

Open book was July 23rd with a few people stopping in to discuss their taxes. Board of Review was July 30th with no residents attending.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 6 fire related calls (4 of them due to the storm) and 4 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Invoices 15,933 through 15,975 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Herdt *Amanda Herdt*

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present except for Supervisor Zastrow. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held August 3, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Uttech seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the report; Chairman Breunig seconded.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept Foley's Tree Service bid to grind and remove the storm debris pile at the fixed price of \$8,800.00; Supervisor Uttech seconded.

The Wisconsin Disaster Funds paperwork is in process. Clerk Herdt will submit the second set of forms by the September 27th deadline.

ARPA fund spending is still on hold; awaiting clarification on what the monies can be used for.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept an ongoing ordinance specifying that Center, Heritage, Spile Dam, and Oxbow Creek roadways are approved for snowmobile usage; Supervisor Uttech seconded. The ordinance was signed.

The road maintenance report is coming due; the WISLR road report will be due in December. The road and equipment reports were given. Chairman Breunig made a motion to purchase the brush chipper that we are currently renting from LF George for \$35,000.00 (this amount includes the one-month rental of \$3,000.00 with remaining balance of \$32,000.00).

Zoning Administrator Baughan reported that the Hojans are looking to continue with their plan for starting a gravel pit. In October the Board will set up a date for meeting with the Zoning Committee to go over the proposed zoning ordinances.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 3 fire related calls and 10 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 15,976 through 16,016 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Uttech. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt



**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held September 7, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig to accept the report.

The Wisconsin Disaster Funds sixty-day submission is complete.

Since the ARPA funds are not usable for gravel or paving, they are still unused at this time.

The chip seal on Rangeline and Cain Creek is complete. Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to stockpile 6,000 yards of gravel through Mevenden Materials from the Bergman pit; Chairman Breunig seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous. Brian Oppen will check prices and place order.

Pine River did not receive the TRI funds this year but is slated to receive them next year.

A new Morbark wood chipper was purchased from LF George for \$32,000 (plus \$3,000 for the first month rental).

Chairman Breunig made a motion to sign the resolution requested by Lincoln County showing our town's approval to decrease the L.C. Zoning Board of Adjustment from a five-member board to a three-member board; Supervisor Zastrow seconded. The resolution was signed by Chairman Breunig.

Clerk Herdt reported that after the census every ten years, supervisory districts need to be redrawn due to population changes. The County has the duty to keep districts as close to equally populated as possible; thus redistricting. The redistricting affected the Town of Pine River (even though our increased population was only slight) because the City of Merrill lost over 300 persons. Our Town will now have a District 8 supervisor added (shared with the City of Merrill). The District 9 supervisor is shared with the Towns of Merrill and Schley. Our District 10 supervisor is solely in Pine River. Chairman Breunig made a motion to use Clerk Herdt's suggestion for splitting the wards as follows: Ward 1, Town's western population that is north of State Road 64 to French Ridge Road; Ward 2, Town's eastern population starting at French Ridge Road north of State Road 64 and Rangeline Road south of State Road 64; Ward 3, Town's western population that is south of State Road 64, east of US-51 to Rangeline Road; and Ward 4, Town's western population that is south of State Road 64 and west of US-51. Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous. The County may not accept the split going up French Ridge to the Town of Schley so a second option would be to use County Road G to balance out their district populations more evenly.

Mbank was bought by Nicolet Bank so our accounts are now handled by Nicolet. Their policies on minimum balances were creating fees, so Treasurer Oppen switched some of the accounts to non-interest bearing to avoid penalties. Treasurer Oppen will look into other banking institutions to see if we would be better served elsewhere.

There will be a special meeting on October 26th at 7:00 PM to go over the 2022 budget.

Our November meeting will be held on the 9th instead of the 2nd, due to the County needing us to approve their final redistricting plans which will be finalized at their meeting earlier that day.

The Town elector meeting to approve the 2021 levy collected in 2022, will be held on November 9, 2021 at 6:45 PM just prior to the town board meeting.

Zoning Administrator Baughan gave an update.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 3 fire related calls and 7 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 16,017 through 16,057 were paid.

Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. All town board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The 2022 budget was prepared.

Lincoln County needed a resolution stating that our wards were approved. They had not agreed to our splitting Ward 1 fully up French Ridge to Schley as we had approved at the October 5th meeting, so the town board modified the split using County Road G. A motion was made by Chairman Breunig, Seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Supervisor Uttech to sign the resolution. The resolution was signed by the board. The following will now be our town wards: 1) Town's western population that is north of State Road 64 to French Ridge Road until it meets County Road G then north and west of County Road G; 2) Town's eastern population starting at French Ridge Road north of State Road 64 until it meets County Road G then south and east of County Road G and to the east of Rangeline Road south of State Road 64; 3) Town's western population that is south of State Road 64, east of US-51 to Rangeline Road; 4) Town's western population that is south of State Road 64 and west of US-51.

Raises will be as follows for the following employees: Brian Opper from \$26.25 to \$27.25, Thomas Bayer from \$21.50 to \$22.50, and recycling attendant from \$13.00 to \$15.00. Occasional workers rates stay the same at \$15.00 per hour. Pay increases start the first full pay period in December.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held October 5, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Chairman Breunig seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made by Chairman Breunig to accept the report; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous.

A special meeting was held on October 26th at 7:00 PM to go over the 2022 budget and to sign the County's requested resolution of our wards due to redistricting as follows: Ward 1, Town's western population that is north of State Road 64 to French Ridge Road until it meets County Road G then north and west of County Road G. Ward 2, Town's eastern population starting at French Ridge Road north of State Road 64 until it meets County Road G then south and east of County Road G and to the east of Rangeline Road south of State Road 64. Ward 3, Town's western population that is south of State Road 64, east of US-51 to Rangeline Road. Ward 4, Town's western population that is south of State Road 64 and west of US-51.

A motion was made to pass the 2022 budget for \$652,191.00 by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig. The electors had approved the 2021 levy at \$339,347 at the elector meeting just prior to this meeting.

Zoning Administrator Baughan gave an update. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corp has a grant called the Mainstream Bounce-back Grant which awards \$10,000 to qualified home-based businesses that move into a vacant space in cities or rural towns. A joint board and zoning meeting was scheduled for November 30, at 6:00 PM to go over the proposed zoning ordinances.

A motion was made by Chairman Breunig to accept the request of Lemerande at N924 and N952 County Rd. W to divide his parcel; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous.

The Wisconsin Disaster Funds extension is through December 31, 2021 due to Foley's Tree Service not having yet completed the removal of the brush pile.

The ARPA funds are still unused at this time. Some may be able to be used as lost revenue.

The roadwork update was given. Additional signage will be going up at the Center and Rangeline Road intersection.

Jon Krohn and Monte Smith reported that the River District Foundation of Merrill is looking into creating a bike trail to connect existing trails going from Merrill to Wausau. They were hoping that Big Eddy would be a possibility. It is not the ideal location for biking because of high traffic, steep ditches, hills, and curves. They are going to continue to look into different options for the connection.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 6 fire related calls and 4 responder runs since the last meeting. Chief Uttech requested that the \$1,000 per fire call, be raised to a more current amount of \$2,500. The board agreed and will have a resolution ready to sign at the next meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given. District 10 supervisor Judy Woller attended and brought the updated redistricting maps from the county.

Invoices 16,058 through 16,104 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ah'.

Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Town Board Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All town board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes from the last meeting held November 9, 2021 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made by Chairman Breunig to accept the report; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

A special joint meeting with the Zoning Board was held November 30th to go over the proposed zoning ordinances. A public hearing was scheduled for March 3, 2022 at 6 PM at the town hall to gain input from the town's landowners.

The following election workers were approved for 2022/2023 by a motion from Chairman Breunig, seconded by Supervisor Uttech and made unanimous by Supervisor Zastrow: Ruth Dayton, Bev Dietz, Pam Gojmerac, Jessie Gruetzmacher, Kathleen Gruetzmacher, Donna Hartwig, Katie Helmstadter, Amanda Herdt, Anne Herdt, Marie Herdt, Lucas Linnell, Kristine Lokemoen, Kirstin Racine, Chris Vorpapel, Mary Waid, Scott Wallace, Carol Wyma, and Diane Zimmerman.

A motion was made by Chairman Breunig to pass a resolution to increase the fire call charge to insurance companies to \$2,500; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous. The resolution was signed.

The requested Lincoln County resolution regarding shoreland zoning was signed.

Due to Foley's Tree Service not having the tree debris pile removed, we have an extension for the Emergency Storm grant through December 31, 2021.

The ARPA funds are still unused.

Zoning Administrator Baughan gave an update.

The roadwork update was given. The roads are done for the year; the snow fences are up and the plows are ready.

There is a chance to get monies through the State TRI funds. The Lincoln County Commissioner, John, is assisting towns on the process. It would be a 70/30 match capped at \$100,000.

The fourth Saturday recycling date falls on December 25th; thus it was rescheduled for Wednesday December 29, 9 AM to noon.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 3 fire related calls and 11 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Invoices 16,105 through 16,136 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Amanda Herdt 