

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, January 3, 2023

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 6 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.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to continue to use Nicolet Bank as our town's financial institution; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous.

According to state statutes, Pine River needs a five-member board of appeals. Chairman Breunig suggested names. Supervisor Zastrow made a motion to appoint: Jeff Breunig to a one-year term; John Uttech, two-year term; Marilyn Zastrow, two-year term; Bob Larson, three-year term; and Brian Oppen as appeals chair for a three-year term. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Uttech and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig. A motion was made by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig to appoint Jessie Boyd as first alternate, three-year term; and Autumn Adams, as second alternate for a three-year term.

Everett and Amanda Herdt have old vehicles parked at N1804 County Road X. The board was concerned that it was the start of a collection at that residence. Amanda and Everett said that the vehicles were parked there temporarily and requested a June 1st, 2023 deadline to have the vehicles moved. The board agreed. If the vehicles are not moved by June 1st, the board will consider a fine.

Administrator Metz reported that when the zoning and town boards met to go over the zoning ordinances on December 13th, they made corrections and changes which were submitted to Attorney Frokjer. Frokjer has not returned a corrected copy at this time.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 6 fire related calls and 8 responder runs since the last meeting.

The town caucus will be held on January 10, 2023 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 16,678 through 16,759 were paid.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Supervisor Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, February 7, 2023

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 3 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Chairman Breunig 2nd and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made by Uttech, 2nd by Zastrow, and made unanimous by Breunig to accept the report.

Lincoln County requested approval on a resolution regarding permitted and conditional land uses. Breunig made a motion to approve it as neutral, Zastrow 2nd; Uttech made it unanimous.

The town caucus was held January 10th. The current elected officials are all running unopposed.

Breunig, Uttech, Zastrow and Herdt attended the WTA meeting January 20th.

Administrator Metz will schedule a meeting with Attorney Frokjer to go over the zoning changes. He hopes that by the next meeting the draft will be ready to distribute.

Chief Uttech gave the Fire Department and First Responder reports. There were 6 fire related calls and 8 responder runs since the last meeting. The fire department received a federal grant of \$208,000 with a 5% match. To utilize most of the grant, the department needs \$70,000; primarily due to increases in gear prices since the grant was written and to cover the match. Chief Uttech requested half of that amount from the town.

District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd reported that Charter is looking to get grants to expand broadband into towns throughout Lincoln County. The emergency management position may be merged into a captain's position at the sheriff department due to no qualified applicants applying for the position and because it would be a monetary savings to the county.

The spring primary election will be February 21, 2023 at the Town Hall; polls are open 7 AM to 8 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 16,760 through 16,816 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2023

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 7 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow 2nd and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made by Zastrow, 2nd by Breunig, and made unanimous by Uttech to accept the report.

Town temporary road weight limits will be posted within 10 days if weather conditions warrant.

Breunig called the internet company phone number listed on the wire-posted advertisements in our road right-of-ways. They claimed they were put there without their knowledge or permission.

Lincoln County sent out surveys to towns to gather information on required permitting and projected road projects for their broadband expansion project. The County is giving \$200,000.00 of their ARPA money to Charter (with conditions attached) to bolster the project.

Doug Smith explained that the land that he wants to donate to extend Hillview Road as a turnaround was to protect landowners' access to their properties. He does not want to fund the creation of a turnaround but wants to donate the piece so that in the future, landowners will have legal access to what might otherwise be land-locked parcels. It would also give the town access to turn around their plow trucks without having to drive on private property. He is hoping that the town will accept the land as-is, without the need to have it prepped for being a turnaround or cul-de-sac.

Breunig signed a CSM for a split of 5 acres from a 40 acre parcel on Hillview Road for Frank Lemke after making a motion to accept it; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech.

After discussion, Zastrow made a motion to borrow \$35,000.00 to cover half of the Town of Pine River Fire Department's shortfall to meet the \$208,000.00 federal grant requirements for purchasing fire apparatuses; Uttech seconded. The loan will then be added to our levy until it is paid off. Treasurer Oppen will contact Nicolet Bank to find out what loan options are available.

Fire Chief Uttech reported that there was 1 fire related call and 9 responder runs since last meeting.

District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd had nothing to report and was not in attendance.

The spring election will be April 4, 2023 at the Town Hall with polls open 7 AM to 8 PM. There is a conflict with the town meeting to be held that evening. Since board members' names are on the ballot, the meeting location will be moved to the Town of Pine River Fire Department.

The Town and Fire Department audits will take place on March 16th at 6:00 PM at the town hall. The annual meeting with luncheon will be April 22, 2023 at 1 PM, also at the town hall.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Doug Smith clarified that if the town accepted the land off Hillview, he would attach a permanent easement for the Town on the property currently being used to turn around our vehicles and machinery. Attorney Frokjer will be contacted to see if it is a viable option.

Invoices 16,817 through 16,851 were paid. Breunig made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Uttech and made unanimous by Zastrow. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, April 4, 2023

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 March 7 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow 2nd.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Oppen. A motion was made by Breunig, 2nd by Zastrow, and made unanimous by Uttech to accept the report.

Road projects for 2023 will be to grind and pulverize with sheeps foot approximately 1.4 miles of Center Road plus three approaches, repave approximately 1.4 miles Center Road and three approaches to a compacted 2.5 inches, and repave Pine Dells approach to a compacted 2.5 inches. Bid requests will state that paving and grinding projects must be bid separately and that work must be completed by September 15, 2023. Bid requests will be placed in the Wausau Daily Herald (twice) and in the Foto News once.

Administrator Metz gave a zoning update. He will have the final draft of the updated zoning ordinances available prior to the annual meeting.

Treasurer Oppen contacted Nicolet bank to find out about options for the \$35,000 loan for fire apparatuses. Rates are currently 5.9%. The board will wait to take out a loan—possibly until one is needed for the plow truck.

Fire Chief Uttech reported that there were 2 fire related calls and 6 responder runs since last meeting.

District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd gave an update. The County's hot topic is Pine Crest because of the extreme loss of money since 2014. They are considering having a special election to have a referendum to increase taxes by \$135 per \$100,000 of property value.

The Town and Fire Department audits were done March 16th; all accounts balanced.

The annual meeting with luncheon will be April 22, 2023 at 1 PM at the town hall.

The clean sweep event will be June 10th from 9 AM to noon to match recycling hours for that day.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 16,852 through 16,888 were paid. Breunig made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Uttech and made unanimous by Zastrow.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2023

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 4 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes, Chairman Breunig 2nd, and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

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

Bids for the 2023 road projects were opened. Bids to grind and pulverize, then pave, approximately 1.4 miles of Center Road plus three approaches and pave the Pine Dells approach came in as follows: American Asphalt total of \$206,308 and RC Pavers total of \$231,425.28. Breunig made a motion to accept American Asphalt's bid, Zastrow seconded, and Uttech abstained.

District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd gave an update. The County is going over the department requests for using ARPA funds. At the May 16th Lincoln County board meeting, a decision will be made regarding Pine Crest. A vision and branding statement were passed for Lincoln County.

Zastrow made a motion to increase the wage for part-time road-working town employees without a CDL to \$17.00 per hour, Uttech 2nd, and Breunig made it unanimous.

Amanda Herdt requested an extension of deadline for Everett to move vehicles at N1804 County Road X. Zastrow made a motion to extend deadline to July 22 with Uttech seconding.

The annual meeting was held April 22, 2023. There was a unanimous vote by residents to have the board investigate options to increase our levy to meet the rising costs of maintaining our town. The board will be looking into adding a referendum to the April 2024 spring ballot.

Herdt submitted the ARPA use of funds for paving projects done by American Asphalt of \$183,702.05 which leaves \$2,293.97 remaining.

Greg Metz gave a road report. Snow fence is out and all but Ackley Road's weight limits are off. Brian Oppen returned the town shop cell phone which will now be taken off the phone plan. The Pine Dells culvert, and ditching projects are upcoming.

Administrator Metz gave a zoning update. The Plan Commission will be meeting prior to the next board meeting. The zoning ordinances should be updated for the Board at that time.

Fire Chief Uttech reported that there were 6 fire related calls & 10 responder runs since last meeting.

The clean sweep event will be June 10th from 9 AM to noon. Jason's rates changed since he gave us his sheet of charged items. Our list was revised to show his new prices.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Pine River Park washed out, so 3" breaker will go in.

Invoices 16,889 through 16,945 were paid. Breunig made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Uttech and made unanimous by Zastrow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, June 6, 2023

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. All town board members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

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

Adding an additional warranty from Truck Country for the coming new plow truck was discussed. Since it was not an all-encompassing warranty and starts with the delivery date, someone will meet with Truck Country to clarify the options and get more information.

Liquor licenses were issued to: Bill's Bar, Chism Trail Ranch, and Sunset Hollow Ranch.

Greg Metz gave a roadwork update: new tires are coming for the end loader, gravel hauling will be starting next week on sections of Center Road, and the Pine Dells intersection was dug out and new culvert installed.

Joe Homan is looking into starting a gravel pit. He is currently working with the County.

Administrator Metz gave a zoning update. The Plan Commission meeting held prior to this meeting, clarified discrepancies in the Zoning districts. A new map is needed to match the districts that we currently have. Another Plan Commission meeting will be held to go over the final draft with the new map.

Fire Chief Uttech reported that there were 9 fire related calls & 12 responder runs since last meeting.

District 10 Supervisor Jesse Boyd gave an update. Lincoln County is looking for a broker for the possible sale of Pine Crest. The county gave 1.2 million in ARPA funds to Pine Crest to cover the deficit. There is another internet speed test link on the County's website; they are looking for everyone to do a test of their home internet speed. The \$200,000 in ARPA funds that were slated for Frontier's broadband expansion was denied—those funds will be diverted elsewhere. Lincoln County is using just under one million of ARPA funds to bring a number of county parks back into code.

Since all board members are available on July 4th, we will be keeping it as our meeting date.

The clean sweep event will be June 10th from 9 AM to noon.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 16,946 through 16,984 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, July 4, 2023

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

Minutes from the last meeting held June 6 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. Chairman Breunig made a motion to accept the report, Supervisor Uttech seconded.

A roadwork update was given by Breunig. Gravel is down on Center Road. Mowing will start shortly.

Breunig gave a zoning update. Administrator Metz is working on the map for the Zoning Ordinances.

Fire Chief Uttech reported that there were 7 fire related calls and 10 responder runs since the last meeting.

There was no District 10 Supervisor report.

Open book will be July 21st and Board of Review July 28th, 2023; both from 4 to 6 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Clerk Herdt gave a report regarding the required update of the handicap accessible voting equipment that the County and area clerks had researched. The County will be placing an order for the Express Vote machines. Because of a state equipment grant of \$750.00 it would make sense to purchase the \$3,950.00 machine ourselves instead of leasing it from the county.

Invoices 16,985 through 17,012 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Uttech.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Board of Review Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2023**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Board of Review Board members present: Chairman Breunig, Supervisor Uttech, Supervisor Zastrow, and Clerk Herdt; also present, Assessor Claude Ringlemon.

There were no appeals.

Supervisor Uttech made a motion to adjourn the 2023 Board of Review, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Chairman Breunig.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2023

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 July 4 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes, Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

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

After discussion of needing \$35,000.00 for fire equipment, \$150,000.00 for the new truck, and money for gravel, Breunig made a motion to look into getting a loan for \$225,000.00; Zastrow 2nd and Uttech made it unanimous.

A roadwork update was given by Greg Metz. They are working on the second mowing. The 1.4 miles of Center Road is paved as well as the Pine Dells approach. Shouldering on roadways is being worked on as well as culverts going in.

Administrator Metz gave a zoning report. In the Plan Commission meeting held prior to the Board meeting, the commission voted to make a recommendation to the board to approve the final draft of the Zoning Ordinances by taking it to a public hearing. Breunig made a recommendation to hold the public hearing; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous. The hearing will be August 29th at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Fire Chief Uttech reported that there were 3 fire related calls and 12 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave a District 10 Supervisor report. They assigned a broker for Pinecrest; it looks like there will be a resolution to have a referendum to ask for three million dollars for the next ten years to fix building issues and maintenance there. The county assigned 1.5 million dollars of their ARPA funds to improve roads. Since the county is trying to draw people to visit Lincoln County as a destination, funds have been (and will continue to be) used to update and improve our parks and destination spots since Shared Revenue will be largely based on the amount of sales tax we draw in.

Open book was held July 21st and Board of Review July 28th. There were no issues. We are getting close to needing a reassessment.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,013 through 17,060 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board & Plan Commission Public Hearing Minutes, August 29, 2023

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All town board members were present (Breunig, Uttech, Zastrow, A. Herdt, and Oppen) as well as all Planning Commission members (Metz, Stine, Jaeger, D. Herdt, and Moonen).

Attorney Frokjer gave a summary of the need for amending the zoning ordinances and the process to do so.

Merrilee DuPlayee requested that wind turbine regulations be included in the ordinances.

Frokjer suggested addressing the acreage of solar farms. He recommended taking out the duplications in the Appeals and Board of Appeals, the Conditional Use permit sections, and the lot/side setback footage. He suggested limiting Industrial Use only to the Crossroads Mixed Use (CMU) district, and recommended adding minimum lot sizes of two acres for the CMU district and the Subdivision district, as well.

Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM with a motion by Supervisor Uttech, seconded by Chairman Breunig and made unanimous by Supervisor Zastrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2023

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 August 1 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

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

The \$200,000.00 BCPL loan application was filled out. The request was to receive \$50,000.00 on November 1 and \$150,000.00 on December 15, 2023. Clerk Herdt read the Form of Record Resolutions in full, which included the Town of Pine River borrowing \$200,000.00 for the sole purpose of financing the purchase of a plow truck and gravel, with the terms of the loan being five years with the interest rate of 5.75 percent, and the repayment being made with levied taxes. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to pass the resolutions, Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

The town is eligible for LRIP funds of approximately \$15,625.00 in 2024.

A roadwork update was given by Greg Metz. The WISLR report is coming due, gravel is being brought in, and the mowing is done. Truck tires were purchased. The new truck is slated to come on the 15th of December with accessories being installed thereafter.

Administrator Metz gave a zoning report. At the joint Plan Commission/Town Board Hearing on August 29th, public input requested the addition of placing restrictions on wind turbines and the removal of a few duplicated sections of the proposed Zoning Ordinances. The Commission will meet again in October to finalize the draft.

Fire Chief Uttech reported that there were 4 fire related calls and 8 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave a District 10 Supervisor report. Lincoln County hired a broker for Pinecrest; the request for having a resolution asking for \$3,000,000.00 for the next ten years failed. The highway department is increasing their rates.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,061 through 17,098 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Uttech and made unanimous by Breunig.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, October 3, 2023

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 5 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

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

The \$200,000.00 BCPL loan was approved on Oct. 3rd. We have four months to request the money.

There was discussion regarding the town raising taxes to cover the money needed for roads and equipment. Uttech made a motion to look into having a referendum to raise the tax rate from 2.76 to 3.25 for three years starting in 2025 by adding it to our April 2024 ballot; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Breunig. Breunig will contact the attorney to see what steps are needed.

After more research is done to find out about town-wide trash pickup options, Breunig made a motion to look into including a survey question on the April ballot to find out if we should consider adding trash services to residents' tax bills; seconded by Uttech and made unanimous by Zastrow.

The town is eligible for LRIP funds of \$16,434.51 in 2024.

Administrator Metz gave a zoning report. The zoning ordinances have been updated and after Attorney Frokjer gives the okay, we can schedule a public hearing.

The fire department had 2 fire related calls and 7 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave a District 10 Supervisor report.

Breunig made a motion to set a special board meeting to go over the 2024 budget for October 31, 2023 at 7 PM; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech.

The elector meeting to set the levy will be held prior to our next meeting November 7, 2023; 6:45 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,099 through 17,134 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Breunig and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Special Town Board Meeting Minutes, October 31, 2023

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

The 2024 budget was prepared.

Town employee wages were discussed. One dollar an hour increases across the board for shop employees and for the recycle worker positions.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, November 7, 2023

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 October 3 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

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

There was a special board meeting on October 31 to go over the 2024 budget. In the elector meeting (held just prior to this meeting) the budget that was drawn up was gone over. The electors set the levy at \$346,018. Breunig made a motion to approve the 2024 budget of \$741,299; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Raises for shop employees and the recycle worker positions increased one dollar per hour.

The board discussed the option of having a resolution for increasing taxes instead of having a referendum. Breunig made a motion to have a resolution next fall to try to increase taxes, which would then go to the electors to pass, also as a resolution.

Town-wide recycling was also discussed. Treasurer Opper made calls to find out if there were any carriers interested; there was no interest thus far. If we find a hauler, we can do a survey at the spring election to find out how much interest there would be for that service.

A roadwork update was given by Greg Metz. They are prepared for the snow. A resident made a request to lower the speed limit on Highway 17; since it is not our jurisdiction, he spoke with the DOT but did not really have much promise of anything changing.

Administrator Metz gave a zoning report. Clerk Herdt spoke with Attorney Frokjer who suggested further condensing the Appeals sections and possibly moving the Variance Section into the Appeals. He will research variances further to see if we can still use the zoning and town boards instead of calling upon the Board of Appeals to meet if variances are needed.

The fire department transferred \$35,000 into their general account to cover expenses from the grant purchases. The town decided not to contribute to the fire department truck tire purchase of approximately \$5,000.

The fire department had 5 fire related calls and 10 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd had nothing for the District 10 Supervisor report and was not present.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,135 through 17,165 were paid.

Uttech made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Zastrow and made unanimous by Breunig. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, December 5, 2023

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 7 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 Opper. Uttech made a motion to accept the report; Zastrow seconded, and Breunig made it unanimous.

After discussion, Breunig made a motion not to join the Town Advocacy Council, Uttech seconded, and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Breunig stated that the zoning approval referendums requested by Lincoln County are not applicable to Pine River since we have our own zoning; no action was taken.

The following 2024-2025 election workers were approved with a motion by Breunig, seconded by Zastrow, and made unanimous by Uttech: Tammy Carrollo, Ruth Dayton, Bev Dietz, Pam Gojmerac, Jessie Gruetzmacher, Kathleen Gruetzmacher, Katie Helmstadter, Amanda Herdt, Marie Herdt, Angela Kieliszewski, Kristine Lokemoen, Dennis Opper, Kristin Racine, Christine Vorpapel, Mary Waid, Scott Wallace, Roxanne Wirtz, Laurie Wolf-Dahm, and Diane Zimmerman.

Breunig made a motion to approve Lincoln County's memorandum of understanding (MOU) for WisVote fees; Uttech seconded, and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Zastrow made a motion to approve Lincoln County's MOU for election equipment maintenance fees; Breunig seconded, and Uttech made it unanimous.

Uttech made a motion to use 2024's LRIP funds for Maple Road; Zastrow seconded, and Breunig made it unanimous.

Lincoln County has a public hearing regarding their flood plain ordinance on December 14th at 4 PM.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 5 fire related calls and 8 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 Supervisor report; Pinecrest is negotiating with a prospective buyer.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Treasurer Opper mentioned that Lincoln County has a meeting in the beginning of 2024 that will give information on how towns can use software to accept credit card payments for incoming tax money; she will be attending to find out more information.

Invoices 17,166 through 17,202 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt