

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, January 2, 2024

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

Nicolet Bank will continue to be our financial institution; Breunig made the motion, seconded by Zastrow, and made unanimous by Uttech.

The town hall carpet will be replaced by Central Carpet & Flooring for the cost of \$9,196.60 with a motion from Uttech, seconded by Breunig, and made unanimous by Zastrow.

Breunig made a motion to appoint Keith Duley to the Board of Appeals for a three-year term; seconded by Zastrow, and made unanimous by Uttech.

The roadwork update was given. Since there is no snow, brushing is still happening. The new truck is slated to come in March. Uttech is researching a roller for the town.

Zoning update: we need to move the variance section of our ordinances into the Board of Appeals section since, per statute, they need to be handled by the Board of Appeals. Herdt will be working on shifting that section, updating the table of contents, and then proofreading the ordinances in February.

Marilyn Zastrow reported that the fire department had 2 fire related calls and 6 responder runs since the last meeting. The year of 2023 had a total of 46 fire calls—the most per year to date.

There was no District 10 Supervisor report.

The chairman, both supervisors, and clerk will attend the Wisconsin Towns Association district meeting on January 26, 2024 in Minocqua.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Christine Vorpapel announced that she is running for the Lincoln County District 9 Supervisor position against incumbent Don Friske. She feels that more questions need to be asked and more research needs to be done prior to decisions being made at the County level.

Invoices 17,203 through 17,262 were paid.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, February 6, 2024

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

After discussion, Zastrow made a motion to increase sick leave earned by full-time employees to five days per year; Uttech seconded and Breunig made it unanimous. Breunig made a motion to start the change retroactive to January 1, 2024; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech. Herdt amended the Employment Benefit Package document to reflect the change. Increasing weekend plowing wages to time-and-a-half and shifting Greg Metz to a full-time position were discussed; both topics will be on the next agenda.

The Western Star plow truck is slated to be delivered for the accessories installation on March 4th. The extended warranty was discussed and will be brought up again prior to making a final decision.

The second and final \$50,000.00 withdrawal from the BCPL loan was requested by Clerk Herdt. The check should arrive shortly. The amount of the loan is \$100,000.00; we did not take the full \$200,000.00 that we were approved for.

The roadwork update was given. Weight limit signs will be posted this Wednesday. Towns are now required to locate and document the condition of all culverts and small bridges from 6' to 20' wide. There is grant money to cover the initial expense of \$100 per unit; the county will be contacted to see which method they are using to submit findings.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 1 fire related call and 7 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 Supervisor report: negotiations with a prospective buyer for Pine Crest are underway, ARPA funds have been allocated for county parks, the current solid waste site is full but they have three sites that are still available, a new ambulance was purchased as well as a new chassis. Eighty-two percent of all the county's ambulance calls are lift assist calls that have no fees; discussions are underway to charge fees for assist calls.

Breunig, Uttech, Zastrow, and Herdt attended the Wisconsin Towns Association District meeting on January 26th; all are now up-to-date with their board of review training.

The Town of Pine River and Fire Department 2023 audit of books is set for Feb. 22, 2024 at 6 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given. The new map of proposed broadband includes a section of Pine River.

Invoices 17,263 through 17,305 were paid.

Uttech made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Zastrow and made unanimous by Breunig. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2024

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 6 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.

Breunig made a motion to hire Greg Metz as a full-time employee; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous. Since he worked for the town for the last two years, those will be added to the 2 ½ full-time years; he will now be at five years longevity and 9 days of vacation.

Zastrow made a motion to increase Saturday and Sunday snow plowing wages to an automatic time-and-a-half; Breunig seconded.

The Western Star plow truck still has not arrived. Breunig made a motion not to purchase the extended warranty at this time; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech.

The Town of Pine River and Fire Department 2023 audit of books was held Feb. 22nd. All balanced.

The town has inventoried its large culvert/small bridge locations. The county will be contacted to see which method they are using to submit findings.

Attorney Frokjer will be retiring. He suggested a couple names for Breunig to contact as a possible replacement for our town attorney.

The roadwork update was given. A truck tarp will need to be purchased as well as looking into buying a tailgate with an asphalt door.

Paving bids for approximately one mile on Maple Road and .6 mile on Pleasant View Ave. will be published in the Foto News and the Wausau Daily Herald.

The Board of Appeals and Variance sections of the zoning ordinances have been updated per Attorney Frokjer's recommendation and will be emailed to him for approval by Clerk Herdt.

Superintendent Shannon Murray and School Board President Kevin Blake spoke of Merrill Area Public Schools' need for the \$16,000,000.00 that will be requested as a referendum on the April 2 ballot.

The town board requested that the fire department provide a copy of monthly transactions for the board to sign off at each of the town board meetings; Treasurer Oppen will provide a copy. Shifting the pool-fill money into the general fund instead of the fundraising account was discussed.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 2 fire related calls and 3 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 Supervisor report. Lincoln County has ceased incoming garbage going into solid waste. Pine Crest has been sold. Many people have complaints about the tree-grinding in the rights-of-way.

The April 2, 2024 Spring Election will create a meeting location conflict. Breunig made a motion to hold the April town meeting in the office end of the town hall; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it ~~unanimous~~.

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the town hall.

The Clean Sweep event will be held on May 11, 2024 from 9 AM to noon. The town will be handling the intake and distribution of the items brought in.

Opportunity for public comment was given. The town board will be meeting to do a road inspection within the next week or two.

Invoices 17,306 through 17,343 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; April 2, 2024

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

The Department of Transportation representative Robert Winat spoke and gave DOT approval for a reduced highway setback of 42' per John Heckendorf's request at N1134 Johnson Lane lots 1 & 2. Uttech made a motion agreeing to the setback; Breunig seconded, and Zastrow made it unanimous. Breunig signed the DOT's resolution #2024.04.02.

Paving bids for approximately one mile on Maple Road and .6 mile on Pleasant View Ave. were opened. American Asphalt bid \$197,603.30, Northeast Asphalt \$203,198.45, and RC Pavers \$201,329.10. Breunig made a motion to accept American Asphalt's bid; Zastrow seconded, Uttech abstained.

Breunig made a motion for the town board to attend the Wausau Sales auction on April 5th to possibly purchase a steel drum roller; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Greg Metz reported that the County will be handling our large culvert/small bridge inspection and will complete the forms and documentation on our behalf.

The roadwork update was given. Weight limits will be going off on April 8th.

Breunig made a motion to place a chip seal bid request in the Foto News and Wausau Daily Herald for "approximately 1.5 miles of Range Line Road with 3/8" aggregate and hot oil with work to be completed by September 14, 2024;" Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Treasurer Oppen discussed the option that Transcendent offers for accepting tax bill payments via credit card online. There would be a flat fee of \$350 for the town, as well as a third-party fee for the residents using the service. There would be no time-savings for the treasurer with this feature. Breunig made a motion not to buy the online service; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Metz gave an update regarding the zoning ordinances. Attorney Frokjer has not made his final recommendations on the draft but will be prior to the annual meeting. Zoning will meet prior to the May board meeting if the final draft is ready to be approved.

Metz said that he has a request to put in a culvert/driveway on Highway 64 (near Cain Creek); the state wants it to go in on Cain Creek about 600 feet from 64 instead. Since there is a lot of wash-out on Cain Creek, Zastrow made a motion not to allow it to go in; Uttech seconded and Breunig made it unanimous.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 4 fire related calls and 5 responder runs since the last meeting.

The Clean Sweep event will be held on May 11, 2024 from 9 AM to noon.

The Annual Meeting and luncheon will be held on April 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM at the town hall.

Opportunity for public comment was given. The shop guys may be attending a Pitlik road seminar on April 17th.

Invoices 17,344 through 17,374 were paid.

Uttech made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Breunig and made unanimous by Zastrow. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; May 7, 2024

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

Chip seal bids for the 1.5 miles of Range Line Road were opened. Fahrner Asphalt bid \$38,791. Scott Construction bid \$36,815. Zastrow made a motion to accept Scott Construction's bid for \$36,815; Breunig seconded, Uttech made it unanimous.

Attorney Nathan Miller from Weld Riley introduced himself. Breunig made a motion to hire Nathan as our town attorney; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous. There is no contract; when he is needed, he will be paid hourly.

Breunig made a motion to stay in the Wisconsin Towns Association and pay the renewal fee; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

The roadwork update was given. There was nothing to report regarding the large culvert/small bridge issue. Maple Road is currently getting gravel in preparation for paving.

The \$45 fee to the City of Merrill for plowing and sanding Big Eddy Road has not been increased for many years. Discussion followed. The issue will be moved to next month's agenda.

Administrator Metz gave an update regarding the zoning ordinances. The final draft was approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting held just prior to the board meeting.

Metz received a call from the state regarding the undocumented culvert on Highway 64 (near Cain Creek). They do not want to allow the owner to use it for his new home. The state wants him to put one in on Cain Creek instead. At last month's meeting the Pine River Board made a motion not to allow the culvert on Cain Creek because of wash-out issues.

Breunig made a motion to accept the Planning Commission Zoning Ordinance draft; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous. There will be a public hearing scheduled later in June.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 5 fire related calls and 7 responder runs since the last meeting. If the department finds a used replacement truck for their old fire truck that would work for their budget, they would then advertise and sell the old one to help off-set the cost.

Jessie Boyd gave the district 10 supervisor report. The bridge over Little Oxbo Creek on X will be replaced in May with construction continuing through June.

The Annual Meeting was held April 20th. Town-wide garbage pickup was discussed but because there was only one company interested in the contract with rates that did not justify the transition, it was dropped. The issue of increasing our levy was again discussed. The town will start the process to increase the levy closer to fall when we will hold an elector meeting to increase it via resolution.

The Clean Sweep event will be held on May 11, 2024 from 9 AM to noon.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Treasurer Opper mentioned that she found out about the company AllPaid which would allow tax bill payments online. There is not a fee to the town with their service. She is looking into using it for the upcoming tax season.

Invoices 17,375 through 17,410 were paid.

Uttech made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Breunig and made unanimous by Zastrow. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Board of Review Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2024**

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Supervisor Uttech made a motion to adjourn the Board of Review to Friday, July 26, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Pine River Town Hall with Open Book on Friday, July 19, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the same location. Supervisor Zastrow seconded.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; June 4, 2024

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 May 7 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.

Treasurer Oppen will be using Allpaid this year to allow tax bills to be paid online. There is not a fee to the town with their service.

The state has updated its liquor license procedures. Winery permits/licenses are now handled solely through the state, so Sunset Hollow (Melissa Hoffman) will not need a permit through the town. She has submitted copies of the state forms to Clerk Herdt. Liquor licenses were issued to Bill's Bar (fermented malt and intoxicating liquor) and Chism Trail ranch (fermented malt). A cigarette/tobacco/vape license was also issued to Bill's Bar.

Greg Metz gave the roadwork update. He has a quote from CAT for a new asphalt/roller; it will be on our next agenda. Maple Road is currently being prepared for paving.

Breunig made a motion to increase the fee to the City of Merrill for plowing and sanding Big Eddy Road to \$100.00; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Due to poor visibility, the state will not allow the undocumented culvert on Highway 64 (near Cain Creek) to be used for a home address. The owner will now be utilizing a current culvert about 600 feet down on Cain Creek instead.

The Zoning Ordinances public hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2024 at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 7 fire related calls and 9 responder runs since the last meeting. The radiator went out on the old Seagrave fire truck; it has now been replaced by a 1993 Peirce, purchased from Pine Lake for \$25,000. The department used fund raising funds for the purchase.

Jessie Boyd sent an email with the district 10 supervisor report, which Clerk Herdt read.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,411 through 17,455 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Uttech and made unanimous by Breunig. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board & Plan Commission Public Hearing Minutes, June 18, 2024

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Town board members present were: Breunig, Uttech, Zastrow, and A. Herdt, as well as Planning Commission members: Metz, Stine, and D. Herdt.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Attorney Frokjer had two recommended changes after having shared the ordinances with Attorney Nathan Miller. First, add to the solar/wind farm paragraph that the Statutes would override our ordinance if it did not match; and second, to add that any size political sign is allowed.

There were no suggested changes from the five residents in attendance.

After the Town Board approves the ordinances at the town meeting on July 2, 2024, Clerk Herdt will mail a copy of the ordinances, the passed town resolution, and a resolution for the county to sign, to Mike Huth at Lincoln County. Once the county approves the ordinances, Herdt will notice in the paper that the ordinances have been amended and send a copy to Attorney Nathan Miller.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM with a motion by Chairman Breunig, seconded by Supervisor Zastrow and made unanimous by Supervisor Uttech.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; July 2, 2024

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

Greg Metz gave the roadwork update. First, paving and shouldering are done and mowing is underway. Second, the shop has used their gravel stockpile on the yard and is looking to get more from the County since Mevenden has not crushed for us yet. Third, there is road damage on Alder Road from a landowner (perhaps because when putting in a woods road he removed a culvert); Metz has photos of damage that he will print off. Two supervisors will accompany him if he goes to speak with the landowner to let him know that he would need to pay for the damage done. Fourth, the board agreed that concrete should be poured in the corner of the cold-storage shed on the south wall to be able to store equipment. Fifth, the search for a new roller is postponed until next year. Lastly, Greg will get a quote for the very short Pat Smith Lane to have that repaired when Range Line is being done.

Greg reported for zoning that they had made the recommendation to approve the updated zoning ordinances at their last meeting. Also, he had a request from the County to okay the combination of two parcels on lots 8 & 9 on Pine River Road, which he will.

The public hearing on June 18th showed no concerns for our updated zoning ordinances other than attorney Frokjer's suggested changes of adding that the statutes would override our ordinance for windfarms if they differed, and that any size political sign is allowed. Uttech made a motion to include the two recommendations; Zastrow seconded, and Breunig made it unanimous. With those changes being made, Breunig made a motion to accept the new zoning ordinances; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous. Clerk Herdt will now send a copy of the ordinances, and our passed Resolution to Lincoln County. After the County approves the ordinances, a notice will be placed in the newspaper to notify the public of the change.

A special meeting to discuss doing a resolution to increase our levy will be held July 16 at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 7 fire related calls and 10 responder runs since the last meeting. The Seagrave fire truck is in the process of being stripped to rig out the '93 Peirce truck.

Jessie Boyd was unavailable for the district 10 supervisor report.

Open Book will be held July 19 for those with assessment questions and Board of Review will be July 26; both will be at the Town Hall from 4 to 6 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given; there was none.

Invoices 17,456 through 17,493 were paid.

Uttech made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Breunig. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River
Board of Review Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2024**

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 2024 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 6, 2024

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 2 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. Since the Federal Grant for the Fire Department is still not closed out, Breunig made a motion to have the fire department transfer the unused funds of \$12,600.45 from the \$35,000 that we had transferred as the original estimate back to the town so that all accounts would reflect the real balances; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous. Breunig made a motion to accept the treasurer's report; Uttech seconded, and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Greg Metz gave the roadwork update. The Alder Road damage from Alan Reinke was discussed. Breunig will call him to let him know that if he puts in a culvert, we will handle the ditching and road repair.

After discussion, Uttech made a motion to place ads in the Foto News for the sales of our International tandem gravel truck with a minimum bid of \$45,000 and the Seagrave fire truck with a minimum bid of \$4,500; Zastrow seconded and Breunig made it unanimous.

The quote for chip sealing 1.6 tenths of a mile of Pat Smith Lane is \$3,108.

Maple Road and Pleasant View were paved. Breunig made a motion to use LRIP/TRIP money toward the Maple Road Project; seconded by Uttech and made unanimous by Zastrow.

Greg reported for zoning that the committee member Julie Moonen is stepping down from her position on the Planning Commission and that our approved Zoning Ordinances are going before Lincoln County for approval on August 8.

We postponed the scheduled July 16th meeting for the levy increase discussion because the levy figures needed will not come out until early September.

The Board is considering requesting an increase in the levy in the amount of \$75,000.

Open Book was held July 19 and Board of Review July 26. There were no formal complaints. A Re-evaluation will be needed in 2025/2026.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 4 fire related calls and 12 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jessie Boyd gave the district 10 supervisor report. Lincoln County has had a lot of turnover of administration, the issue of Pine Crest is back, the landfill is needing moneys for a new cell, and Lincoln County is looking at purchasing a different gravel pit.

The partisan Primary Election is August 13th with polls opening 7 AM.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Some of the town residents' fire numbers are faded. Residents on Apartment Street have issues because when they enter their addresses in electronic systems, they are required to put in their "apartment" number. Treasurer Oppen said that the fee to pay your taxes through AllPaid is 2.5% for the users if using a credit card or a flat \$2.00 charge if

using a checking account. The town key used for hall rentals went missing; Metz will look at our video monitor logs. The town will be looking into giving a gift to Attorney Frokjer for his years of service to the town.

Invoices 17,494 through 17,536 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Uttech and made unanimous by Zastrow. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; September 3, 2024

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

The 2010 International truck bids were opened. Randy Ebert (Ebert Enterprises LLC) bid \$50,100.00; Andrew Biddle bid \$50,000.00; and Philip Golding (Zenture Solutions) bid \$50,000.00. Breunig made a motion to accept Randy Ebert's high bid of \$50,100.00; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous.

The 1984 Seagrave fire truck bid was opened. John Uttech bid \$4,756.00. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept John's bid; Zastrow seconded, and Breunig made it unanimous.

Julie Moonen resigned from the Plan Commission. Breunig made a motion to appoint Dean Lemke to fill the opening; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

The roadwork update was given. First, Breunig reported that Alan Reinke put a culvert in the ditch by the Alder Road damage. Second, Supervisor Uttech made a motion to purchase gravel from Lincoln County; Zastrow seconded, and Breunig made it unanimous. Their price is \$8.53/yard. Meverden's pit has ongoingly been behind schedule with crushing.

The state has a long-range proposal for Highway 17.

Zoning Administrator Metz reported that he has had a request for a variance, so he will be looking into scheduling a Board of Appeals meeting once he has more information.

Lincoln County approved our Zoning Ordinances on August 20th. After publication, they will become effective.

The Board discussed their recommended increase in the levy. The amount that the board will be requesting in their resolution is an increase of \$75,000.00 which would increase the levy by 19.191% which would give a total levy (after adjustments) of \$465,800.00. Breunig made a motion to hold an elector meeting to request an increase of \$75,000.00; Zastrow seconded, and Uttech made it unanimous. The meeting will be held October 1st (after our next town board meeting) at 8:00 PM. Clerk Herdt will post for the meeting.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 4 fire related calls and 7 responder runs since the last meeting. The open-house fundraiser will be October 5th.

There was no District 10 supervisor report.

The board discussed what we could do to show our appreciation to Attorney Frokjer for his many years of service to Pine River. Breunig made a motion to purchase two, \$500.00 gift cards for Cabella's; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous.

Opportunity for public comment was given; there was none.

Invoices 17,537 through 17,572 were paid.

Braunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Special Town Board Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2024

Chairman Breunig called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. All town board members were present.

The Resolution of Town Board Proposing to Exceed Levy Limit Via Town Meeting Resolution number 2024-09-14-1 was read. Chairman Breunig made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting an increase in the town levy that will exceed the allowable state limit by \$75,000.00 which is an increase of 19.191%; these numbers match the figures that the Board approved at our last meeting; Supervisor Uttech seconded and Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous. An elector meeting requesting the increase in the levy will be posted for October 1, 2024 at 8:00 PM.

Supervisor Uttech made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Chairman Breunig made it unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Special Town Board Meeting Minutes, September 24, 2024

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

Jeff Zettler, Gus Caylor, and Brad Hartwig presented information to the board regarding their budget.

The 2025 budget was prepared.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Uttech made it unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; October 1, 2024

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

The roadwork update was given. First, possible roads to pave for next year would be one mile on French Ridge and .5 mile on High Ridge (south of Center Road). Second, the bridge on Range Line Road is getting added to Lincoln County's list for replacement. Third, two thousand yards of gravel have been hauled. Lastly, the salt/sand mix will be ordered from Peterson.

Pine River's updated Zoning Ordinances went into effect on September 19, 2024 after publication.

A special meeting was held September 14, 2024 for the board to sign the resolution proposing exceeding the levy limit. The resolution was signed, requesting an increase of \$75,000.00 which would increase the levy by 19.191% which would give a total levy (after adjustments) of \$465,800.00.

Zastrow made a motion to increase the fire department monthly stipend amounts by \$50.00 for the chief, assistant chief, secretary, and treasurer; seconded by Breunig and made unanimous by Uttech.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 2 fire related calls and 7 responder runs since the last meeting. The open-house fundraiser is October 5th.

There was nothing for the District 10 supervisor report.

Two \$500.00 gift cards for Cabella's were purchased for Attorney Frokjer because of his many years of service to Pine River. Clerk Herdt will send them in a thank you card on behalf of the town.

The presidential election is November 5th, 2024 with polls open 7 AM to 8 PM. Since there is a meeting location conflict, the next meeting will shift to the office end of the town hall.

Opportunity for public comment was given. John Heckendorf expressed interest in becoming an official representative for Pine River when he attends the Lincoln County broadband meetings. Breunig spoke with Claude Ringlemon about our needed door-to-door reassessment; cost estimate of \$65,000.00.

Invoices 17,573 through 17,607 were paid.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; November 5, 2024

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 1 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Chairman Breunig seconded & 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.

The roadwork update was given.

Pine River is now out of compliance with the DOR; we will need a walk-through reassessment of the township. Breunig made a motion to accept Claude Riglemon's reassessment contract for \$65,000.00; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Breunig made a motion to adopt the All Hazards Mitigation Plan Resolution from Lincoln County so that we are participants in their plan and would qualify for emergency grants in the future. Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous.

John Heckendorf earlier volunteered to represent the town at Lincoln County's Broadband meetings. Since he was absent, it will be on next month's agenda.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 4 fire related calls and 5 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 supervisor report. The 2025 budget is in process, Lincoln County celebrated 150 years, and Pine Crest will most likely get another broker for a sale. Breunig reported that ATC is running a second power line next to the original through Pine River.

Opportunity for public comment was given. John Uttech expressed interest in purchasing old fire hose; it will be on next month's agenda.

Invoices 17,608 through 17,635 were paid.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; December 3, 2024

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

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

The roadwork update was given. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to purchase a 2014 Hamm roller from Roland Machinery Company for \$19,950.00; Chairman Breunig seconded & Supervisor Zastrow made it unanimous.

Zoning administrator Metz reported that Dan Lemke on Hillview Road had requested a variance for an outbuilding setback of 57' (instead of the 75'). The Board of Appeals and Plan Commission met and the setback was approved.

Breunig made a motion to increase wages by \$1.00 for town shop employees (including part-time), as well as for recycling workers; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

John Uttech had requested purchasing outdated fire hose from the fire department at \$15.00 per 100-foot length. Breunig made a motion to approve the sale; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Steve Uttech attended the ATC powerline meeting. ATC is still figuring out the route for their lines. The project will start in 2027.

The town board terms end in April; a caucus date was set for January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Since we will need the funds in our account to use in January, we will wait on paying the BCPL loan bill until it is due in March.

Chief Uttech reported that the fire department had 1 fire related call and 7 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 supervisor report. Lincoln County's 2025 budget passed. Taxes will increase. The jail is not full; consideration is being given to close it and partner with another county.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,636 through 17,675 were paid.

Uttech made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Breunig. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt