

**Town of Pine River, Lincoln County, Wisconsin  
Annual Meeting Minutes April 19, 2025**

David Breunig called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A sign in sheet was passed. Leo Leiskau made a motion to use the hand vote method for the meeting; John Uttech seconded, all were in favor with no opposition.

The Annual Meeting Minutes taken April 20, 2024, were read by Clerk Herdt. Rick Stine made a motion to accept the minutes; Ryan Lofink seconded, all were in favor with no opposition.

Clerk Herdt went over the 2024 Financial Summary. Rose Hagedorn made a motion to accept the report; Greg Metz seconded and all were in favor with no opposition.

Road projects completed in 2024 were grinding and paving 1 mile of Maple Road and .6 mile of Pleasant View Ave. for a cost of \$197,603. The 2024 chip sealing projects were 1.5 miles of Range Line Road (from Center to Highway 64) for a cost of \$36,815 and Pat Smith Lane. Gravel and shouldering costs were additional for all projects.

Rose Hagedorn thanked the town shop guys for their good job of keeping the roads cleared this past season. Past Fire Chief John Uttech was also thanked for his 20 years of dedicated service to the township.

New Fire Chief Ryan Lofink gave the Fire Department report for 2024:

- There were 74 EMS calls
- There were 40 fire related calls (10 of which were mutual aid)
- There are 24 fire fighters and 13 EMS personnel
- Four new members went through Certified Fire 1 Class and three through Driver Operator Class
- John Uttech and Marilyn Zastrow taught 9 CPR certification classes
- The department continues to provide educational services to the Pine River School for Young Learners
- Jeff Zettler provided fire inspections for 28 separate businesses
- The 1984 Seagrave (Fire Engine No. 1) was retired
- A replacement for the Seagrave was purchased—a 1993 Pierce (assigned as Engine No. 3)
- With FD elections we now have Andrew Grawien as EMS Coordinator and Ryan Lofin as Fire Chief

Fire Chief Lofink thanked John Uttech for his 20 years of faithful service to the fire department

David Breunig reported that the revised Zoning Ordinances were approved in September of 2024.

Administrator Metz said that 20 permits were issued in 2024, out of which, 6 were homes and 7 were mobile homes.

The Town received a letter from the Department of Revenue stating that a re-evaluation needs to be completed. Claude Riglemon was contracted to reassess all properties within the town over the course of 2025 and 2026.

Newly elected Town Chairman Steve Uttech reported that the paving road projects for 2025 are 1 mile of French Ridge Road (G to the Schley town line) and .5 mile of High Ridge Road (south of Center Road to dead end). The 2025 chip seal project is 1 mile of Range Line Road (south of Center Road to P). Projected 2026 paving road projects are .9 mile of Deer Run Ave (Highway W to Center Road) and .6 mile Cain Creek Road (County Line Road to near Calvary Lutheran Church).

The 2025 Clean Sweep event is May 10, 9:00 AM to noon.

Clerk Herdt thanked past Chairman David Breunig for his 40 years of service on the town board, and also reported that the Town of Pine River is 150 years old this year.

Rick Stine made a motion to hold our next annual meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2026 at 1:00 PM at the Town Hall; Greg Metz seconded, all were in favor with no opposition.

Chairman Breunig thanked the fire department, town employees, town committees, and board for their service over the last year.

A motion was made by Leo Leiskau to adjourn; seconded by Rose Hagedorn, all were in favor with no opposition.

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt