

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; January 7, 2025

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 3, 2024 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded & Chairman Breunig made it unanimous.

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

Breunig made a motion to keep Nicolet Bank as our financial institution; Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Breunig made a motion to fill the two expiring Board of Appeals member's terms with Marilyn Zastrow (who retained her spot) and Ryan Lofink (who filled John Uttech's vacancy); Supervisor Uttech seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

John Uttech reported that the fire department had 1 fire related call and 13 responder runs since the last meeting. Newly elected Fire Chief Ryan Lofink was sworn in and took the oath of office.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 supervisor report. First, Pine Crest's broker received three offers, and second, Boyd is looking into getting Lincoln County out of the PACE program which creates a liability for the County if contracts become voided.

The Town caucus is set for January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given. The upcoming township reassessment was discussed.

Invoices 17,676 through 17,744 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Caucus Minutes; January 14, 2025

Greg Metz called the caucus to order at 6:00 PM.

Marilyn Zastrow and Dean Lemke were nominated as tellers.

David Breunig made a motion to use hand vote, Leo Leiskau seconded, there was no opposition; motion carried.

Steve Uttech was nominated for Chairman; he accepted the nomination. David Breunig was nominated for Chairman; he declined the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nominations for chairman closed with no opposition.

Raymond Zastrow was nominated for Supervisor; he accepted the nomination. Brian Opper was nominated for Supervisor; he accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nominations for supervisor were closed with no opposition.

Amanda Herdt was nominated for Clerk; she accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nominations for clerk closed with no opposition.

Donna Opper was nominated for Treasurer; she accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nominations for treasurer closed with no opposition.

Marilyn Zastrow was nominated for Constable; she accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Nominations for constable closed with no opposition.

David Breunig made a motion to adjourn, Raymond Zastrow seconded, there was no opposition; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; February 4, 2025

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 January 7 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Chairman Breunig seconded.

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

The Town caucus was held January 14, 2025. The Town nominees are: Steve Uttech; Chairman, Raymond Zastrow and Brian Opper; Supervisor, Amanda Herdt; Clerk, Donna Opper; Treasurer, and Marilyn Zastrow; Constable.

Chairman Breunig made a motion to increase election worker wages to \$15.00 an hour and chief inspector wages to \$17.00 an hour; Supervisor Uttech seconded.

Fire Chief Ryan Lofink reported that the fire department had 1 fire related call and 13 responder runs since the last meeting. There are now 25 firefighters (eight of which are also trained as EMTs) and five EMT-only volunteers.

The Town and Fire Department audit was set for February 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,745 through 17,782 were paid.

Breunig made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; March 4, 2025

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

Saint James Cemetery requested permission to do landscape work to level out a hump which slightly goes into the road ditch. Breunig made a motion to give permission; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous.

The Planning Commission Members' three-year terms are expiring. Breunig made a motion to re-appoint all current members: Greg Metz (zoning chair), Rick Stine, Jeff Jaeger, Dean Lemke, and Darlene Herdt. Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous. Terms expire May 2028.

Paving bids for 2025 will be requested as follows: 1) Grind and pulverize with sheeps foot approximately 1 mile of French Ridge Road (G to Schley town line); 2) Grind and pulverize with sheeps foot approximately .5 mile of High Ridge Road (south of Center to dead end); 3) Repave approximately 1 mile of French Ridge Road to a compacted 2.5"; and 4) Repave approximately .5 mile of High Ridge Road to a compacted 2.5." Paving and grinding projects must be bid separately. The work must be completed by September 15, 2025. Sealed bids must be received by the start of the Town Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Clerk Herdt will place bid notices in the Wausau Daily Herald on two consecutive Wednesdays and the Foto News on two consecutive Thursdays.

The town is looking to purchase a loader/bucket for our current tractor. Quinlan quoted \$18,200 and Motor Service quoted \$19,148. Uttech made a motion to accept Quinlan's quote; Zastrow seconded and Breunig made it unanimous.

Greg Metz gave the zoning report; a few permit requests are coming in.

Fire Chief Ryan Lofink reported that the fire department had 4 fire related calls and 6 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 Supervisor report. First, the county will be meeting with the Pine Crest broker; second, Lincoln County was nominated for the Governor's Tourism Award; and lastly, Jesse created an ad hoc committee to review the building needs of the County.

The Town and Fire Department audit was February 25, 2025. Everything balanced.

The Spring Election is April 1, 2025 with polls open from 7 AM to 8 PM. Because of the meeting conflict the April town meeting will be held at the fire station.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Invoices 17,783 through 17,816 were paid.

Uttech made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Breunig. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; April 1, 2025 (held at TPR Fire Station)

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

Paving bids were opened for grinding, pulverizing, and paving approximately 1 mile of French Ridge Road and approximately .5 mile of High Ridge Road. RC Pavers bid \$198,978.30 (\$70.10 per ton), Northeast Asphalt \$184,591.40 (\$63.20 & \$64.90 per ton), and American Asphalt \$191,961.40 (\$67.80 & \$68.10 per ton). Breunig made a motion to accept Northeast Asphalt's bid of \$184,591.40; Zastrow seconded and Uttech abstained.

Chip seal bid requests will be placed in the Foto News and Wausau Daily Herald for approximately 1 mile of Range Line Road (south of Center Rd. to Hwy. P) with 3/8" fractured stone and emulsion oil; work must be completed by September 12, 2025.

Fire Chief Ryan Lofink reported that the fire department had 4 fire related calls and 7 responder runs since the last meeting. The department is purchasing a cutter-spreader for engine 2 for \$11,000.

Jesse Boyd gave the District 10 Supervisor report. The county is continuing the Pine Crest discussion. Lincoln County is participating in the Economic Summit on April 8th.

The Clean Sweep event will be held May 10, 2025 from 9:00 AM to noon.

The annual meeting is April 19, 2025 at 1:00 PM. Breunig made a motion to have a lunch following the meeting; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Clerk Herdt thanked Chairman Breunig for his 40 years of service to the town as a board member. She also read part of an article from April 4, 1975 that announced the 100th year of Pine River; which makes the town 150 years old this April. Invoices 17,817 through 17,849 were paid.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; May 6, 2025

Chairman Uttech 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 1 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Brian Oppen made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Raymond Zastrow seconded and Chairman Steve Uttech made it unanimous.

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

Chip seal bids were opened for Range Line Road; in the bid notices we again requested hot oil. Scott Construction Inc. bid \$37,669 and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC placed a bid of \$36,987. Uttech made a motion to accept Fahrner's bid of \$36,987; Supervisor Oppen seconded and Zastrow made it unanimous.

Pine River is looking to purchase a one-ton truck with a dump box, a small generator for the garage, and a shouldering machine. We will be putting in an offer of \$2,500 for the Town of Texas's shouldering machine.

We will renew our Wisconsin Towns Association membership for \$1,335.

Fire Chief Lofink reported that the fire department had 2 fire related calls and 9 responder runs since the last meeting.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Zoning Administrator Metz mentioned that he had just received an inquiry regarding putting in a battery storage facility next to the power station within our township.

Invoices 17,850 through 17,908 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Oppen and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt