

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

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 100<sup>th</sup> 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, 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

## 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 Opper 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 Opper. Supervisor Opper 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 Opper 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 Opper and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

## Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; June 3, 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 May 6 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded and Supervisor Opper made it unanimous.

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

Liquor licenses were issued to Bill's Bar and Chism Trail Ranch.

A motion was made by Zastrow to move the town's money budgeted for blacktopping into the same account as the moneys for equipment and bridge, to receive a higher interest rate; Supervisor Opper seconded and Utech made it unanimous.

The American Transmission Company now has a map available to view, showing the tentative route of their lines through Pine River. It may be viewed on their website or by requesting a copy from Clerk Herdt.

The town shop employees will receive annual reviews starting October 2025.

Road/Shop report: Pine River is looking into purchasing a one-ton truck from the City of Merrill. Gravel is currently being stock-piled.

Administrator Metz reported that he received two new-home permit requests, one out-building, and one utilities request.

Fire Chief Lofink reported that the fire department had 1 fire related call and 9 responder runs since the last meeting.

District 10 Supervisor Boyd said that it looks like Pine Crest will be sold.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Contrary to a few local people's posts on Facebook, the town's gravel is not free to take but must be purchased; signage may need to be used to deter theft. More locks are needed for the recycling dumpsters.

Invoices 17,909 through 17,948 were paid.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

## Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; July 1, 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 June 3 were read by Clerk Herdt. Supervisor Opper made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Chairman Uttech made it unanimous.

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

Chip sealing is done, mowing has begun, and the \$1,000 culvert inventory grant money came in for the 10 culverts located. Also, Pine River is looking into purchasing a one-ton truck from the City of Merrill through Wisconsin Surplus.

Administrator Metz reported that he received three out-building, and three utilities permit requests.

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

District 10 Supervisor Boyd said that Northcentral Healthcare sent a letter to Lincoln County saying they will not be managing Pinecrest nursing home as of 2026. Lincoln County has a resolution stating that it will not be funding the nursing home in 2026. The Pinecrest sale is slated for August first if there are no lawsuits or issues prior.

Open Book will be held July 18<sup>th</sup> (4 to 6 PM), and Board of Review will be July 25, 2025 (4 to 6 PM).

Opportunity for public comment was given. Marilyn Zastrow asked District 10 Supervisor Boyd if Lincoln County could look into having a free electronics drop-off event like Langlade did. She will give him the name of the recycler and he will pass the information to the Solid Waste Committee to look into. Clerk Herdt was contacted by Taylor Britten (from Eagle Ridge Lane) to see if he could mow Pine River's over-grown river access trail there; the board agreed.

Invoices 17,949 through 17,985 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Opper, and made unanimous by Uttech.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

## Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; August 5, 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 July 1 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Supervisor Opper made it unanimous.

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

Mowing and shouldering are being done. The grader had a leak that took out the transmission; current quote is \$42,212.00. Metz will call the insurance company to see if there is possible coverage.

The guys will be watching when the county's truck goes up on Government Surplus. Chairman Uttech made a motion to have a max bid of \$20,000.00; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Supervisor Opper made it unanimous.

Open Book was held July 18 and Board of Review on July 25, 2025. There were no formal complaints for the Board of Review.

Lincoln County requested that we pass resolutions for their soil boring ordinance and certified survey maps. Uttech made a motion to pass Resolution 08.05.01 with Pine River remaining neutral; Zastrow seconded. Uttech then made a motion to pass Resolution 08.05.02 with Pine River remaining neutral; Zastrow seconded and Opper made it unanimous.

Administrator Metz reported that he received three permit requests, as well as a call of interest in creating a battery storage site in Pine River.

Fire Chief Lofink reported that the fire department had 8 fire related calls and 14 responder runs since the last meeting.

District 10 Supervisor Boyd was not present. Uttech stated that the sale of Pinecrest has gone through.

Uttech will attend a Lincoln County meeting on August 20, 2025 regarding the county updating their sewer plans.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 17,986 through 18,025 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Opper, and made unanimous by Uttech.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

## Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; September 2, 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 August 5 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Supervisor Opper made it unanimous.

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

Mowing is done, the grader transmission is fixed, and we are still looking for a truck (since the one on Government Surplus went high).

Administrator Metz reported that he received approximately five permit requests over the last month.

Fire Chief Lofink reported that the fire department had 4 fire related calls and 13 responder runs since the last meeting.

District 10 Supervisor Boyd was not present for a report.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 18,026 through 18,062 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Opper.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

## Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; October 7, 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 September 2 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Supervisor Opper made it unanimous.

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

The roadwork/shop report was given: brush mowing is again underway, the grader has a radiator leak, and the stockpile of gravel will be depleted by next year.

Admin. Metz reported that he received one utility and one new home permit request since last month.

Fire Chief Lofink reported that the fire department had 2 fire related calls and 15 responder runs since the last meeting.

District 10 Supervisor report from Boyd was read by Herdt. Pinecrest's sale is finalized.

The shop employee annual review with the board was set for October 14, 2025 at 8:00 AM.

The special board meeting to go over the 2026 budget was set for October 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

The Public Hearing to present the 2026 proposed budget was set for November 4, 2025 at 6:45 PM.

The Elector Meeting to adopt the 2025 levy (to be collected in 2026) was set for November 4, 2025 immediately following the Public Hearing.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Marilyn Zastrow gave information regarding the State of Wisconsin's program to lend road signs to municipalities throughout the state.

Invoices 18,063 through 18,094 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Opper, and made unanimous by Uttech.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

## **Town of Pine River, Special Town Board Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2025**

Chairman Uttech called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. All town board members were present (Steve Uttech, Raymond Zastrow, Brian Opper, Amanda Herdt, & Donna Opper). Also in attendance was Fire Chief Ryan Loffink.

The 2026 budget was prepared.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; Supervisor Opper seconded and Uttech made it unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River, Public Hearing to Present 2026 Budget Minutes; November 4, 2025**

Steve Uttech called the hearing to order at 6:45 PM.

The budget was presented with a total budget of \$855,992.00.

Raymond Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Brian Opper, and made unanimous by Steve Uttech. The hearing adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Herdt

**Town of Pine River, Elector Meeting to Approve 2025 Levy Minutes; November 4, 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 6:51 PM.

Ryan Lofink made a motion to approve the total town tax levy for \$499,780.00; Christine Vorpapel seconded. The resolution passed with 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 abstaining.

Steve Uttech signed the resolution (No. 2025-10-04-1) with Amanda Herdt attesting the document.

Raymond Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Brian Opper, and made unanimous by Steve Uttech. The hearing adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amanda Herdt

## Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; November 4, 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 October 7 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Supervisor Opper made it unanimous.

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

There was a special board meeting to go over the 2026 budget on October 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

The Public Hearing and the Elector Meeting to approve the levy preceded this meeting with the total levy approved of \$499,780.00. Supervisor Opper made a motion to approve the 2026 budget at \$855,992.00; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous.

The roadwork/shop report was given by Uttech.

The full-time shop employees' annual reviews were held October 14, 2025. Supervisor Opper made a motion to increase the shop employees' hourly wages by \$1.00; Zastrow seconded and Uttech made it unanimous. Uttech made a motion to increase recycling and occasional workers' pay by \$1.00 per hour; seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Opper.

There were no permits issued through zoning since last month.

Fire Chief Lofink reported that the fire department had 2 fire related calls and 7 responder runs since the last meeting.

Jessie Boyd gave a District 10 Supervisor report. Lincoln County's budget hearing is being held November 12, 2025 at 9:00 AM. The county's wage structure is being reviewed.

Opportunity for public comment was given. Christine Vorpapel reported that the Board of Health in Lincoln County has again been accredited. Uttech stated that the septic tank behind the town garage is needing replacement.

Invoices 18,095 through 18,131 were paid.

Zastrow made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Supervisor Opper, and made unanimous by Uttech. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

## Town of Pine River, Town Board Meeting Minutes; December 2, 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 November 4 were read by Clerk Herdt. Chairman Uttech made a motion to accept the minutes; Supervisor Zastrow seconded, and Supervisor Opper made it unanimous.

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

Uttech made a motion to approve a list of twenty election inspectors (see below); seconded by Zastrow, and made unanimous by Opper. He then made a motion to approve a one-dollar pay increase for the chief inspectors (increasing their wage to \$18/hour); seconded by Zastrow and made unanimous by Opper.

Greg Metz gave the shop report as well as the zoning report.

Fire Chief Lofink reported that the fire department had 5 fire related calls and 6 responder runs since the last meeting.

There was no District 10 Supervisor report.

Opportunity for public comment was given.

Invoices 18,132 through 18,167 were paid.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Herdt

Workers approved 12-2-25 for 2026-2027 election schedule:

Carollo, Tammy
Dayton, Ruth
Dietz, Bev
Gojmerac, Pam
Gruetzmacher, Jessie
Helmstadter, Katie
Herdt, Amanda
Herdt, Marie
Lofink, Kristina
Lokemoen, Kristine

Opper, Dennis
Racine, Kristin
Rogers, Cassidy Shane
Shales, Ada
Vandergeest, Michael
Waid, Mary
Wallace, Scott
Wirtz, Roxanne M.
Wolf-Dahm, Laurie
Zimmerman, Diane