

# **PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP**

Gratiot County, Michigan

**January 18, 2022**

## **Board Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Public Hearing- Trash- 7:00 p.m.
5. Brief Public Comments (2 Minutes)
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 16, 2021
8. Approval to Pay Bills
9. Reports by Boards, Committees & Agents
  - a. Treasurer's Report
  - b. Budget Report
  - c. Zoning & Blight Report
  - d. Assessor's Report
  - e. Fire Board Report
10. Business before the Board
  - a. 2022 Budget Discussion
  - b. Drain Commission- Pre-Payment Amount Error #040 & #424
  - c. Establish Public Hearing- Trash (Proposed date: February 15, 2022, 7:00 p.m.)
11. Extended Public Comments (4 Minutes)
12. Announcements and Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Board Meeting – February 15,2022
  - b. MTA Annual Conference – April 25-28, 2022, Lansing, MI
13. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**JANUARY 18, 2022**

- 1.) The regular monthly meeting of the Pine River Township Board was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor Beeson at the Township Hall.
- 2.) Pledge the flag: The Board and the Public said the Pledge to the flag.
- 3.) Roll Call: Best: absent; Moeggenborg: present; Beeson: present; Whitmore: present; Baker: present. (4) Board members present, (1) absent.
- 4.) Public Hearing - Trash:
  - a. Beeson gave overview of why trash services were sought.
  - b. Scott Truman from Granger gave overview of what services would be given by Granger
    - i. Explanation of bag tags for senior citizens at \$3/bag
    - ii. Explanation of extra fee and contacting Granger for large bulk item at \$40/piece
    - iii. Explanation of recycling not offered at this time
    - iv. Explanation of 1-96gal container per resident; if need more, can get another at same rate as Township directly through Granger)
    - v. Explanation of residents making bag or container decision with Granger after all meetings and discussions made
  - c. Terry Lott (7470 N. Luce Rd.) asked if the Township had a cost to handle the bills, etc. Explained that there is zero cost to the Township. Also asked if this would impact his school bonds and other taxes and was explained that no impact would be made.
  - d. Tom Ross (11861 N St. Rd.) asked if all residents have to take the trash services since he has a dumpster.
  - e. Judy Miller (5757 W. Monroe Rd.) also expressed concerns since she has a dumpster.
  - f. Dave Austin (4433 W. Jackson Rd.) noted that recycling is important to him and other residents. Agreed that the price is a good deal. Suggested that negotiations should still be made with the contract with Granger. Noted that large item arrangements needed to be made. Asked who all bids were asked of and Beeson explained that GFL, Republic, Waste Management and Granger were sought bids from and Granger is the one who responded while others noted they were not interested in serving Pine River as a whole.
  - g. Mike Moeggenborg (4901 N. County Line Rd.) asked that those in favor in the room raise hands.
  - h. Trevor Leonard (6940 N. Luce Rd.) suggested the new information from tonight's meeting be presented in the next letter to residents.
  - i. Ruth Halstead (224 Wilson Place) asked that items that cannot be picked up from Granger (in container or large item) be listed somewhere.
  - j. Kay Brown (6188 N. Winans Rd.) asked that the Board keep prices in check.

- k. Lee Aldrich (6675 N. Winans Rd.) asked if things like large price items at road would be a blight issue.
  - l. Betty Apple (6870 N. Winans Rd.) understood the increase on her services and supported the Board's decision to seek services for Township-wide.
  - m. Tiffany LaBlance (128 Davis St.) asked that Board consider bag tags as option for smaller families.
  - n. Wayne Miller (939 W. Jefferson Rd.) would like trash to be on a ballot; has renters and it is already hard to get rent from them on those properties.
  - o. Ike King (8162 Sanders Rd., Vestaburg) from King's Disposal asked why King's did not get a bid. Beeson explained it was a genuine oversight on the Board's part and apologized.
  - p. Rex Allward (7567 N. Luce Rd.) asked if he could opt out of the services and then hire King's to help with a local business. It was then explained the benefit of a single-hauler in the Township.
  - q. Dr. Eric Ho (7221 N. Smith Rd.) asked about recycling and what can go in container from Granger.
- 5.) Public Hearing closed at 8:14PM.
- 6.) Approve the Agenda:
- a. Motion made by Moeggenborg: second by Baker: to approve the Agenda as presented. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 4-0.
- 7.) Approve the Minutes:
- a. Motion made by Baker: second by Moeggenborg: to approve the Minutes of the meeting from December 16, 2021. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 4-0.
- 8.) Approval to Pay Bills:
- a. Motion made by Moeggenborg: second by Baker: to approve the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$72,827.79. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 4-0.
- 9.) Reports by Boards, Committees, and Agents
- a. Treasurer's Report – Discussion: Board reviewed, bank reconciliations have been received and reviewed by all present. Placed on file.
  - b. Budget Report – Discussion: report placed on file.
  - c. Zoning and Blight Officer – solar panel permit for McConnell on Smith Road
  - d. Assessor Report - no report other than preparing for March Board of Review
  - e. Fire Services – no report
- 10.) Business before the Board
- a. 2022 Budget Discussion
    - i. Get your needs to Beeson
  - b. Drain Commission – Pre-Payment Amount Error #040 & #424

- i. Motion made by Baker: second by Moeggenborg: to approve the payments of \$2,211.70 and \$6,626.39. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 4-0.
- c. Establish Public Hearing - Trash
  - i. Motion made by Baker: second by Moeggenborg: to approve the date of February 15, 2022, as next Public Hearing date for Trash and to approve Resolution 2022-1. Roll call vote: Best: absent; Moeggenborg: yes; Beeson: yes; Whitmore: yes; Baker: yes. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 4-0.

11.) Extended Public Comment:

- a. Blight concern on Hoffman Road

12.) Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- a. None.

13.) Adjournment

- a. Motion made by Baker: second by Whitmore: to adjourn the meeting at 9:03PM. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 4-0.

Submitted by: Andi Whitmore, Clerk