

# PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Gratiot County, Michigan

February 15, 2022

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Public Hearing- Trash 7:05 p.m.
5. Brief Public Comments (2 Minutes)
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Approval of Minutes
  - a. January 18, 2022
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. Establish Board of Review Dates-March 14 & 15
  - b. Establish Public Hearing Date for Budget- March 15, 2022
  - c. Land Division-Thomas and Courtney Ross-12-002-011-20
  - d. Create SAD
11. Extended Public Comments (4 Minutes)
12. Announcements and Upcoming Meetings
  - a. Next Board Meeting – March 15,2022
13. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 15, 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: present; Moeggenborg: present; Beeson: present; Whitmore: present; Baker: present. (5) Board members present, (0) absent.
- 4.) Public Hearing - Trash:
  - a. Beeson gave overview of previous public hearing.
  - b. Vern Shock (7362 N. Winans) asked what generated the idea, asked about those taking trash to other districts and expressed concern for the whole project. Asked questions about the 5-year contract, fuel surcharges, and how residents could “opt out” to which he had items clarified with the Granger contract and how he could choose between being a bag tag customer if he is over 65 or be a container customer.
  - c. Terry Lott (7470 N. Luce) asked if residents can say no to change in services for future (i.e. large items one per quarter or recycling). Beeson explained a potential one truck/one drive on a Saturday for a special Spring Clean Up. SAD law clarified as well that described 5-year contract is set and meetings have to be held if fees increase over certain amount.
  - d. Chuck Griffith (10125 N. Begole) submitted a letter that he read to the Board (see attached) and asked about if a \$3 bag tag would be limited to one residency if senior citizens owned multiple properties but only lived in one.
  - e. Marc Raycraft (5652 W. Adams) expressed that he is a happy Granger customer and asked if it was either or for bag tags or container. Stated this was a good environment move and agreed with the process.
  - f. Eric Ho (7221 N. Smith) asked about size limit of bags with tags and when the pick up would begin. Explained that if all passed tonight, the pick up would begin in May potentially. Also asked about other carriers (Waste Management) and how to seek refund.
  - g. Wayne Miller (939 W. Jefferson Rd.) Asked about clarification of bag costs or \$14/monthly container. Expressed concern about his rentals and how their coverage is clarified for age of renters.
  - h. Aaron Mills (9080 N. Alger) explained has a farming operation with Granger dumpsters currently and expressed curiosity if possible to be exempt for services of the SAD. Also asked why no day was set for those to express if they wanted trash or not before the SAD process was started. Also sought clarification on what qualifies as residency or commercial.
  - i. Jeff Daniels (853 W. Madison) asked if it was truly \$174 annually and asked for clarification on if the fee would be on winter tax bill.

- j. Al Shattuck (9856 N. Begole) asked when the pickup would begin and how Granger would refund current pre-paid customers. Also asked who all was asked to submit rubbish bids.
- k. Sharon Bendele (5620 W. Jefferson) asked about birthday clarification if 65 happened in the middle of the year. Explained that if resident was 65 on December 1, then would be eligible for senior citizen option. If not 65 on this date, then fee for container would be assessed. Expressed concern and not supporting this as it felt like it was being shoved at residents.
- l. Kory Edgar (1798 W. Monroe) stated his opposition to the township-wide option as he has a dumpster and long driveway.
- m. Romaine Hale (9078 N. Wells) explained that he has three properties and would like to buy tags. Asked for clarification on how the properties would be assessed the fee if some are empty or not in use as he rents one property, one is empty, and the other he lives in.
- n. Lawrence Davidson (9660 Gruett) asked how many Granger customers are currently in township and stated he supported Griffith's statement.
- o. Steve DeMott (4837 W. Adams) stated he is opposed to this proposal and would like the option to keep what he has currently.
- p. Rob Comstock (130 Davis) stated that this is a good deal as this is the same amount of trash and half the cost.
- q. Mary Patterson (8179 N. Grafton) stated that she supports the deal and asked for clarification of the billing cycle and expressed interest in hazardous waste disposal. Also inquired if could pay in the office instead of having on the tax bill.
- r. John Lang (7337 N. Luce) stated that this is a great deal for senior citizens.

5.) Public Hearing closed at 8:24PM.

6.) Approve the Agenda:

- a. Motion made by Baker: second by Moeggenborg: to approve the Agenda with the addition of 10e. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.

7.) Approve the Minutes:

- a. Motion made by Baker: second by Best: to approve the Minutes of the meeting from January 18, 2022. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.

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 \$19,885.95. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.

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 – Discussion: report placed on file.

- d. Assessor Report - working on proposed settlement for DTE turbines, preparing for March Board of Review
- e. Fire Services – Beeson reported there has been an adopted budget and a huge increase in rescue calls

10.) Business before the Board

- a. Establish Joint Board of Review Dates – 3/14-3/15
  - i. Motion made by Baker: second by Moeggenborg: to approve the Joint BOR dates of March 14 and 15, 2022. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
- b. Establish Public Hearing Date for Budget – March 15, 2022
  - i. Motion made by Best: second by Moeggenborg: to approve the Public Hearing date as March 15, 2022. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
- c. Land Division – Thomas and Courtney Ross
  - i. Motion made by Moeggenborg: second by Best: to approve the land division of Parcel #12-002-011-20 into Residual Parcel #2912-002-011-21 and Child #2912-002-011-22. The motion carried 5-0.
- d. Create Special Assessment District for Rubbish
  - i. Motion made by Baker: second by Moeggenborg: to approve the SAD for Rubbish collection. Roll call vote: Best: yes; Moeggenborg: yes; Beeson: yes; Whitmore: yes; Baker: yes. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
- e. Appointment of Katie Hoyt as Secretary for Board of Review 2022
  - i. Motion made by Whitmore: second by Baker: to approve Hoyt as the Secretary for BOR for 2022. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.

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 Moeggenborg: to adjourn the meeting at 9:19PM. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by: Andi Whitmore, Clerk