

PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Gratiot County, Michigan

September 19, 2023

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Brief Public Comments (3 Minutes)
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes - August 15, 2023
7. Approval to Pay Bills
8. Reports by Boards, Committees & Agents
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Budget Report
 - c. Zoning & Blight Report
 - d. Assessor's Report
 - e. Fire Board Report
 - f. Township Hall Renovation Report
9. Business before the Board
 - a. Agreement for Election Services
 - b. Resolution 2023-8 Establish Early Voting Site for all Elections within Pine River Twp.
 - c. Resolution 2023-9 Amend Zoning Ordinance
 - d. Approval of L-4029 Tax Request
10. Announcements and Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Gratiot MTA Meeting- September 27, 2023
 - b. Planning Commission Meeting- October 11, 2023
 - c. Township Board Meeting- October 17, 2023
11. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

- 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; Baker: present. Whitmore: present. (5) Board members present, (0) absent.
Guests: None
- 4) Public Comments
 - a. Tim Stuckey and Mary Redman: asked for clarification on what is happening on his property on Smith Road along with the ordinance and citations. Stuckey stated he is having insulation put in his barn but waiting on materials. Noted that vehicles are out of the barn due to waiting on the insulation install. Beeson offered idea of putting cars in barn while waiting for insulation materials and then Pine River would dismiss the ticket. Stuckey presented photo of current layout of yard with cars parked still outside of barn. Beeson suggested going forward with Court hearing on September 26 to have an unbiased opinion to help sort it all out. Stuckey and Redman thanked the Board for their time.
- 5) Approve the Agenda:
 - a. Motion made by Baker: second by Best: to approve the agenda as presented All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
- 6) Approve the Minutes:
 - a. Motion made by Moeggenborg: second by Best: to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting from August 15, 2023. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
- 7) Approval to Pay Bills:
 - a. Motion made by Moeggenborg: second by Baker: to approve the payment of bills with the addition of \$18,000 to Mar-athan, \$550 to Miller Services and the additional cost of the pavilion roofing for a total of \$75,937.40. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
- 8) 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: Calkins' report placed on file.
 - d. Assessor Report – no report
 - e. Fire Services – no report
 - f. Township Hall Renovation Report – roof on, siding and soffit to come, followed by external paint updates

- 9) Business before the Board
 - a. Agreement for Election Services
 - i. Tabled
 - b. Resolution 2023-8 establish Early Voting Site for all Elections within Pine River Township
 - i. Motion made by Baker: second by Best: to approve the resolution as presented to establish early voting location. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
 - c. Resolution 2023-9 Amend Zoning Ordinance
 - i. Motion made by Best: second by Baker: to support the resolution to amend Zoning Ordinance for Parcel #12-028-023-11. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
 - d. Approval of L-4029 Tax Request
 - i. Motion made by Moeggenborg: second by Best: to support the L-4029 form at 1.5mils as presented. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.
- 10) Extended Public Comment:
 - a. None.
- 11) Announcements and Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Gratiot MTA Meeting: September 27, 2023
 - b. Planning Commission Meeting: October 11, 2023
 - c. Board Meeting: October 17, 2023, at 7 PM
- 12) Adjournment
 - a. Motion made by Baker: second by Moeggenborg: to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM. All present Board members approved. The motion carried 5-0.

Submitted by: Andi Whitmore,
Clerk

**PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP
GRATIOT COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2023-8**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE GRATIOT COUNTY VOTE CENTER
AS AN EARLY VOTING SITE FOR ALL ELECTIONS
HELD WITHIN PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP'S JURISDICTION**

At a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Pine River Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, held at the Pine River Township Hall, 1495 W Monroe Rd St. Louis, MI 48880, in said Township, on September 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Best, Moeggenborg, Beeson, Whitmore, Baker
Members Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Baker and supported by Best.

WHEREAS, the Pine River Township Clerk is responsible for administering early voting in this municipality, pursuant to MI Constitution Sec. 4 and Public Act 81 (2023); and,

WHEREAS, the Gratiot County Early Vote Center is centrally located within the County, and fulfills additional security requirements of being a public building and its proximity to law enforcement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Pine River Township shall partner with Gratiot County to conduct the constitutionally mandated early voting for all future elections beginning with the 2024 Presidential Primary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the sole early voting site for Pine River Township voters shall be the Gratiot County Early Vote Center, located at the Gratiot Commission on Aging, 515 S. Pine River St., Ithaca, MI 48847; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the hours of operation of the early voting site shall be 9 am to 5 pm daily, from the first Saturday of the required nine days to the second Sunday with one exception, the first Wednesday of the required nine days will run 11 am to 7 pm; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Clerk is authorized to expend necessary funds budgeted to ensure Pine River Township can cover their shared costs in utilizing the Gratiot County Early Vote Center.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Best, Moeggenborg, Beeson, Whitmore, Baker
NO: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED **APPROVED**.



Andi Whitmore, Clerk
Pine River Township
Date: 09/19/2023

**Pine River Township
Gratiot County, Michigan
Resolution #2023-9**

RESOLUTION TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of Pine River Township, Gratiot County, Michigan, held at the Pine River Township Hall, 1945 W Monroe Rd. St. Louis, MI 48880, in said Township, on September 19, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Best, Moeggenborg, Beeson, Whitmore, Baker

Members Absent: None

The following resolution was offered by Best and supported by Baker.

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2023, applicant DG Whitmore Realty LLC requested parcel # 12-028-023-11 be rezoned from Agricultural (AG) to Heavy Commercial (HC); and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law the Pine River Township Planning Commission held a properly noticed public hearing on September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission approved the request for rezoning and recommended its approval by the Township Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees concurs with the recommendation of its Planning Commission and votes to recommend the amendment of the official zoning map of Pine River Township to reflect parcel #12-028-023-11 is rezoned from AG to HC effective on September 19, 2023.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the clerk is authorized to publish a Notice of Ordinance Adoption within 15 days.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Best, Moeggenborg, Beeson, Baker

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Whitmore

RESOLUTION DECLARED **APPROVED**.



Andi Whitmore, Clerk
Pine River Township
Date 9/19/2023

2023 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2023)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory; Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes GRATIOT	2023 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-22-2023 156,794,793
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy PINE RIVER TWP	For LOCAL School Districts: 2023 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2023 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5) ** 2022 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(6) 2023 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2023 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee"	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
ALLOC	OPP	11-70	1.0800	0.9000	1.000	0.9000	1.000	0.9000		0.9000	NO-EXP
EX-VOTED	FIRE/RESCUE	11-18	1.5000	NA	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.5000		1.000	11-26

Prepared by D. MERCHANT	Telephone Number (989) 681-5523	Title of Preparer ASSESSOR	Date 09/19/2023
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CERTIFICATION: As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature 	Print Name ANDI WHITMORE	Date 09/19/2023
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chairperson	Signature 	Print Name KEVIN BEESON	Date
<input type="checkbox"/> President			

* Under Truth in Taxation MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

**** IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2023 for instructions on completing this section.	
Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag., Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	
For Commercial Personal	
For all Other	