

**MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**June 11, 2003**

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Pine River Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor VanderVeen at the township hall.
2. Pledge the Flag: The board and public said pledge to the flag.
3. Roll Call: Beeson: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Lofgren: yes, Best: yes, Snyder: yes. All five board members present.
4. Brief Public comment (2minutes) None.
5. Approve the Agenda: Lofgren made motion to accept the agenda as presented. Beeson seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
7. Presentations- Dennis Hagey- Gratiot Area Recreation Authority: Mr. Hagey presented the board and public with information on the Parks, Recreation & Community Education and why they should be supported by the community to keep them active for our young people. Mr. Hagey opened the floor for comments and questions.
6. Public Hearing- Garr Tool IFE Request: Supervisor VanderVeen opened the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. John Leppin and Ray Wilcox were present for any further questions regarding their IFE request. Supervisor closed Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.
8. Approve the Minutes: May 14, 2003: Beeson-made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Best seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
9. Approve to Pay Bills: Beeson made motion to pay bills as presented. Snyder seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
10. Report by Boards, Committees & Agent
  - a. Treasures Report- Placed on file. Tax bills will be going out the 1<sup>st</sup> week of July.
  - b. Assessor's Report: The County finally match his figures and informed the board that his department was randomly picked for a Fourteen Point Audit from the State Tax Commission. Mike indicated that he knows with changing Assessor Programs there might be a couple things that they will point out but feels sure of himself that things are in good shape. Beeson suggested drafting letter to Commissions in July stressing concerns. Tabled until July.
11. Business before the Board
  - a. Garr Tool-Request for Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption- Lofgren offered the board a Resolution 2003-G61103 for Garr Tool IFE. Lofgren made motion to approve Resolution 2003-G61103 for Garr Tool. Snyder seconded the motion.  
Roll Call: Best: yes, Snyder: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Beeson: yes, Lofgren: yes. All board members in favor.

- b. Alma Fire Department – letter of request for contract: Supervisor explained that June 30, 2003 the contract with City of Alma would expire. Supervisor went on and explained that Attorney William Fahee said not to sign the contract that the City of Alma offered last year. Supervisor read a letter that will be cc: to Sumner Township- Ron Hunt, Seville Township- Roger Grant, Arcada Township- Doug Merchant, City of Alma- Doug Thomas, and St. Louis Fire District.

After lengthy discussion, Lofgren made motion to send the amended letter with dates to the above entities Certified and Signed Receipt. Beeson seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

- c. Temporary help for additional cemetery work: Supervisor asked to hire David Singer and Jim VanderVeen with checking the cemetery out to where people are buried. This information will be turned over to the Clerk. David would need extra help to building the shed. Beeson made motion to hire additional help up to hundred (100) hours at a rate of \$6.00 an hour for Cemetery General help. Lofgren seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

- c. Budget Amendment- special meetings: The Supervisor offered a resolution to amend the budget 2003-2004 budget. This budget amendment would add additional funds to cover the \$35 for extra meetings as recommended by the Compensation Commission and accepted by the Board of Trustees. The amounts were overlooked in the original budget. It was also learned a recent workshop that the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk cannot collect for special meetings of this board. The trustees can. The Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer can however collect on other extra meetings such as meetings with fireboards or road commissions for example. Lofgren made motion to accept the resolution to amend the budget. Best seconded the motion.

Roll Call: VanderVeen: yes, Snyder: yes, Best: yes, Lofgren: yes, Beeson: yes.  
All members in favor.

- e. Zoning Administrator- request for replacement: Supervisor handed out copies of resignation of Zoning and Blight Officer. Beeson made motion to accept Eugene Sinclair's resignation and the Supervisor to run ad for replacement. Lofgren seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

12. Extended Public comment (4 minutes): John Leppin asked questions and stressed his concerns regarding the Alma City Fire issue since his business is in that fire area.

13. Announcements: June 26<sup>th</sup> will be Manure Tour at Green Meadow Farms in Elsie with a luncheon.

St. Louis 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade is looking for volunteers on July 19, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. Supervisor VanderVeen and daughter Lisa are on Gratiot County 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning board.

Supervisor handed out letter for the board to read at their leisure regarding the Resolution- State Police.

Supervisor read Thank you note from Jean Williams and family.

Supervisor went to West Niles Virus meeting and had handouts for those who wanted to learn more.

Supervisor will be out of town for a week- Beeson will deal with zoning issues as they come about.

Supervisor and Treasurer did attend a "Spending Other Peoples Money" seminar on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

14. Snyder made motion to adjourn meeting at 9:15 p.m. Lofgren seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

Submitted by:

Gary Lofgren, Township Clerk