

MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
October 8, 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: Snyder: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Best: yes, Lofgren: yes, Beeson: 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.
6. Approve the Minutes: September 10, 2003: Snyder made motion to accept the minutes as presented. Best seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
7. Approve to Pay Bills: Clerk added three (3) checks out of Fire Rescue Fund: Sumner Seville for fire runs July and August: \$135.00, City of Alma: \$12,762.25 second half of 2003-2004 Fire Budget, Sumner Seville for supplies: \$57.00. Best made motion to pay bills as presented with the three additions. Snyder seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
8. Report by Boards, Committees & Agent
 - a. Treasures Report- Placed on file.
9. Business before the Board
 - a. Fire Department Agreement (Alma)/handling of U.S. 127- Alma Fire Commander Rick Pratt, Alma City Manager Doug Thomas and Arcadia Township Supervisor Doug Merchant were present to help answer any questions about the new Fire Department Interlocal Agreement which will replace our current agreement with the Rural Urban Fire Control Board. The parties to this agreement include City of Alma, Arcadia Township, Pine River Township, Seville Township and Sumner Township. This agreement has been presented to attorney William Fahey (who represented the townships in this matter) and his letter of recommendation was included with the member's board packets. Beeson made the motion to approve the Fire Department Interlocal Agreement with the Rural Urban Fire Control Board. Lofgren seconded the motion. Roll Call: Beeson: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Snyder: yes, Lofgren: yes, Best: yes. All five board members in favor and the motion passed.

Along with this topic of discussion, it has been requested that Fire Commander Pratt and Fire Chief Apps recommend to this board what can be done about how fire and first responder calls are handled along the U.S. 127 Expressway. Their recommendation is to "preserve the present arrangement of Alma responding to fires, JAWS runs, Spills, etc., on southbound U.S. 127 and St. Louis responding to fires, JAWS runs, spills, etc., on northbound U.S. 127 and providing MFR services to both lanes of U.S. 127." At this time

Chief Rich Apps arrived. Pratt, Apps and Thomas tried to answer questions about this procedure and how the cost for these runs would be handled. If both departments arrive at the scene, the department to which the location has been assigned would bill for the run and the other department would be covered under mutual aid.

At this time the Supervisor called for a brief recess at 7:45 p.m. to sign contracts so Alma City Manager Doug Thomas could take them with him.

Supervisor resumed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Beeson made motion that Pine River Township desires to contract Mid-Michigan Fire Board to provide all services for the U.S. 127 within the township boundaries. It is recognized that this request needs to go before both the Alma and St. Louis Fire Boards for approval. The supervisor will write a letter to both fire boards requesting this be placed on their next meeting agenda. Also, the supervisor will send a CC to Gratiot County Fire Chief Association (Dave Nelson), Sumner Township and Seville Township. Hopefully more statistics will be available then. Anticipated date of change would be June 30, 2004, which would coincide with Alma budget year. Lofgren seconded the motion. Roll Call: VanderVeen: yes, Snyder: yes, Beeson: yes, Best: yes, Lofgren: yes. All five board members in favor.

Beeson asked for written direction from Attorney for the situation with Dave Best as to what can and cannot do with the Fire decision. Supervisor to follow up with Attorney.

- b. Resolution for Metro Act application fees- Beeson made motion to accept the Resolution. Snyder seconded the motion. Roll Call: Best: yes, Snyder: yes, Beeson: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Lofgren: yes. All five board members in favor.
- c. Boards and Commissions Vacancies: Supervisor asked the Board for any suggestions of any township members who might be interested in fulfilling the vacancies. Planning Commission need two people, Board of Review needs one person, ZBA is okay.
- d.

- 11. Extended Public Comment (4 minutes)- Lou Scott reported house on Cheesman Road did not have a sewer inspection.
- 12. Announcements- None
- 13. Adjournment: Lofgren made motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Snyder seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

Submitted by:

Gary Lofgren, Township Clerk