

**MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**October 13, 2004**

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Pine River Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Beeson at the township hall.
2. Pledge the Flag: The board and public said pledge to the flag.
3. Roll Call: Baker: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Best: yes, Lofgren: yes, Beeson: yes. All five board members present.

Brief Public comment (2minutes): None.

4. Approve the Agenda: Treasurer asked to add 9i: Conference MTA in January. Lofgren made motion to accept the agenda as presented with one addition. Baker seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
6. Approve the Minutes: September 8, 2004, regular monthly meeting. VanderVeen made motion to accept as presented. Best seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
7. Approve to Pay Bills: Clerk asked to add two (2) Fire Board checks: Sumner Rescue: \$288.00, City of Alma: \$12,835.00. VanderVeen made motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$51,809.96. Best seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
8. Report by Boards, Committees & Agents
  - a. Treasurers Report- Placed on file
  - b. Budget Report- Placed on file.
  - c. Zoning and Blight Officer- N/A.
  - d. Sewer Report- Lou reported pump stations working good. Pung is building new house, Pung need to contact Lou for connection. Baker asked about the Alarm System.
9. Business before the Board
  - a. Roslund/Prestage Audit Report: Chad Payton represented the firm. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> year for them to do the Township Audit, thought things went very well and discussed the Financial Statement and Audit with the board.
  - b. Friends of Fred Meijer Heartland Trail: Carolyn Kane, Robin Anderson and John McCormick were present to explain and answer questions related to The Fred Meijer Heartland Trail and ask for monies to secure the purchase of the old railroad tracks. After discussion Baker made motion to contribute \$15,000.00 to the Fred Meijer Heartland Trail subject to legal review. Best seconded the motion. Roll call: Beeson: yes, Baker: yes, Lofgren: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Best: yes. All in favor.
  - c. Assessor requests partial release of PA116 land agreement # 29-22220-1123125—1.16 acres on property owned by Mary J. Woodmansee: VanderVeen made motion to remove PA116. Baker seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

- d. Assessor request land division approval for Mary J. Woodmansee, parcel #29-12-011-014-00: Best made motion to approve split if the Township receives the money. Baker seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.
- e. Fund Balance requests presentation: Accounting Software, will set up a time and give any other companies a chance to review there new programs.
- f. Burnham & Flower Insurance Update: Clerk reported that the Michigan Municipal League. Baker made motion to retain Burnham & Flower from Mt. Pleasant and increase liability to 2million for \$8,755.00. Best seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

Best made motion to hear Public Comments now. Baker seconded the motion. Jim VanderBeek- Commissioner talked about 911, Gratiot and Isabella Counties issues.

- g. Appoint Committee to negotiate with City of St. Louis: Bob McConkie from St. Louis made request. VanderVeen made recommendation for Beeson and Baker to bring back to meeting. Lofgren seconded the motion. All in five board members in favor.
- h. Meeting of Supervisors-Request resolution: Baker made motion for Resolution request of Board of Commissions to slow down and look at report at end of month. Best seconded the motion. Roll call: Baker: yes, Best: yes, VanderVeen: yes, Lofgren: yes, Beeson: yes. All five board members in favor.
- i. MTA Conference: Begins January 25, 2005. Baker made motion to spend no more than \$900.00 per person for those who plan to attend the MTA Conference in January. Best seconded the motion. All five board members in favor.

10. Extended Public comment (4 minutes): Jim VanderBeek earlier.

11. Announcements:

Planning Commission October 28, 2004 (Spicer)  
Planning Commission November 4, 2004 (Regular)

12. Baker 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