REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

January 8, 1997

Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge to the Flag

3. Roll Call

4. Approve the Agenda

5. Approve the Minutes - December 11, 1996

6. Brief Public Comment (2 minutes)

7. Approval to Pay Bills

8. Reports by Boards, Committees & Agents
   a. Treasurer
   b. General Fund Budget

9. <u>Old Business</u>
   a. Fire Agreement - Alma
   b. Sidewalk - St. Louis
   c. Sewer Treatment - St. Louis
   d. Appointment of Assessor
   e. Appointment of Zoning/Blight Officer
   f. Appointment of Sewer Inspector
   g.
   h.

10. <u>New Business</u>
    a. Auditors Contract
    b. MTA Conference
    c.
    d.

11. Extended Public Comment (4 minutes)

12. Announcements

13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 8, 1997

1. The regular monthly meeting of Pine River Township was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Elnora Vanderveen at the Township Hall.

2. The board and guests gave pledge to the flag.

3. Present for Roll Call: Linn, VanderVeen, Smith, Loper, Lofgren.

4. Approve the agenda. Lofgren made a motion to approve the agenda with no additions or corrections. Linn second. 5-yeahs-0 nays.

5. Approve regular meeting minutes dated December 11, 1997. There was a motion to accept the minutes by Loper and second by Linn. 5-yeahs- 0 nays.

6. Brief public comment. R. L. Green asked when the minutes from the previous months meeting would be made available. Lofgren stated that the minutes would be available within eight days following the meeting. Green also asked when an Itemized list of bills for payment would be available. Lofgren stated that an Itemized list would be at the Hall the Friday prior to the regular meeting and an updated list would be available at the meeting.

7. Payment of bills. Linn asked if board salary could be stated on the checks as monthly instead of 30 days. Lofgren said he would check for proper listing. Clerk explained that the City of St. Louis actually didn't bill Pine River Township for sewer treatment for the months of July, August, and September until October 10, 1996 and that there were no bills presented to previous clerk which is why Lofgren is paying those three months in January of 1997. Lou Scott asked if the City of St. Louis was sending us the round dial from the monthly flo readings. VanderVeen said she has received two from them so far. Smith made a motion to pay the bills as stated on the Itemized list of bills for payment. Loper second. Roll Call: Linn-yes, VanderVeen-yes, Loper-yes, Smith-yes, Lofgren-yes. 5 yeah-0 nays.

8. Reports by boards and commissions.

   a. The treasurers report was presented by Loper. Lofgren made a motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Linn second. 5-yeahs-0 nays.

b. VanderVeen reviewed the Operating Budget Report to the board and the guests. Loper made the comment that the funds were available in the operating budget to update our computer program now due to the fact that we had not paid an assessor for the previous month.

9. Old business

a. Fire agreement with Alma. Agreement runs to the year 2003. The previous board tabled this with some question as to the length. VanderVeen explained that the City of Alma wanted an agreement that would carry them through the period of time that the new equipment was contracted for. Linn made a motion to accept the agreement with the City of Alma for Fire protection, Lofgren second. Roll Call: VanderVeen- yes, Smith-yes, Linn-yes, Loper-yes, Lofgren-yes.5 yeas-0 nays.

b. Sewer treatment- St. Louis. VanderVeen explained that the board would have to study all aspects of the rate and that the St. Louis City Manager would provide all the paperwork from the D.E.Q. Audit of St. Louis which led to the increased rate for sewer treatment. Smith made a motion to table this until the February meeting, Lofgren second. 5 yeas-0 nays.

c. Appointment of assessor. Michael Foust was introduced to the board and guests as an applicant for the position. VanderVeen stated that a contract would have to be designed and presented to the board. The contract which Mr. Foust has with Broomfield Township can be used as a guide. It will be written to state he will be paid $7.00 per parcel and $16.00 per new assessment. Loper made a motion to write the contract to begin January 13, 1997 and run through March 31, 1998. Smith-yes, VanderVeen-yes, Loper-yes, Linn-yes, Lofgren-yes. 5 yeas- 0 nays.
Loper made a motion to accept the contract (upon review) and appoint Michael Foust as the Assessor for Pine River Township. Lofgren second. Roll Call: VanderVeen-yes, Linn-yes, Loper-yes Lofgren-yes, Smith-yes, 5 yeas- 0 nays.

d. Appointment of Zoning and Blight Officer. The board has review all applicants and has asked Eugene Sinclair to attend this board meeting. Eugene stated that he would like to become the Zoning and Blight Officer for Pine River Township. He also stated that he would have to become thoroughly familiar with the zoning ordinance and also that he would have no trouble enforcing anything that he was responsible for. Lofgren made a motion to appoint Eugene Sinclair as the Pine River Township Zoning and Blight Officer. Linn second. Roll Call: Smith-yes, Loper-yes, VanderVeen-yes, Lofgren-yes, Linn-yes. 5 yeas- 0 nays.

e. Appointment of Sewer Inspector. VanderVeen presented to the board and guests that David Best was interested in becoming the Sewer Inspector for Pine River Township. Linn made a motion to appoint David Best as the Pine River Sewer Inspector, Loper second. Discussion- Lou Scott stated that he would be back-up for David and help him in any way that he could. Roll Call: Linn-yes, Lofgren-yes, VanderVeen-yes, Smith-yes, Loper-yes. 5 yeas- 0 nays.

f. Blight update- Supervisor stated that the board was contacting a new source to come in and clean up.

10. New business

a. Auditor- Loper suggested that we get additional quotes for an auditor. Linn made a motion for Loper to contact another source. Lofgren second. All yeas 0 nays.

b. MTA Conference- 3 day workshop in Detroit- Loper and VanderVeen are interested in going. 696.00 for conference and lodging. Linn made a motion that both be allowed to attend, Lofgren second. Motion was then ammended by Linn to allow the clerk to attend a partial day if it could be arranged. Lofgren second. Roll Call: Linn-yes, Lofgren-yes, Smith-yes, VanderVeen-yes, Loper-yes. 5 yeas- 0 nays.

c. Gratiot County Road Commission- Motion Made by Smith to accept the contract with the Gratiot County Road Commission, Lofgren second. Roll Call: Lofgren-yes, Smith-yes, Loper-yes, Linn-yes, VanderVeen-yes. 5 yeas- 0 nays.

11. Extended public comment- R. L. Green suggested that it was a good idea for the township to be represented at all of the County meetings.

12. Announcements- Supervisor announced that she had attended a Mid-Michigan Cable Consortium and that on January 17 the Consortium was meeting with the Cable Companies.

13. Loper made a motion to adjourn, Smith second, 9:15 p.m.

Gary Lofgren

Gary Lofgren- clerk