PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP

1495 W. Monroe Road
St. Louis, Michigan 48880

517-681-5523
Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

March 12, 1997

Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Approve the Agenda
5. Approve the Minutes - February 12, 1997
6. Brief Public Comment (2 minutes)
7. Approval to Pay Bills
8. Reports by Boards, Committees & Agents
    a. Treasurer
    b. General Fund Budget
    c. Compensation Board
    d. Sewer Committee
    e. Zoning & Blight Officers Report
9. <u>Old Business</u>
    a. Agreements from Road Commission
    b. Sewer Treatment - St. Louis
    c. Administrative Manual - Filled with last months packet
    d. Alma Sewer Extension
    e. Letter from Peg Trgina - Blight
    f. Wright Cemetery
10. <u>New Business</u>
    a. Amending 1996-1997 Budget
    b. Set dates for work sessions
    c.
    d.
11. Extended Public Comment (4 minutes)
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment

MINUTES OF THE PINE RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD
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1. The regular monthly meeting of Pine River Township was called to order at 7:00 pm by supervisor Elnora VanderVeen at the township hall.

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

3. Present for roll call: Smith, Lofgren, VanderVeen, Loper, Linn.

4. Approve the agenda. Motion by Smith, 2nd by Lofgren to approve the agenda with additions to: Reports by Boards-add letter E. Zoning & Blight, Old Business- add letter E. Letter from Peggy Trigina, add letter F. Wright Cemetary, New Business- add letter B. Dates for work sessions.

5. Approve the minutes. Supervisor requested that in the February 12, 1997 minutes of the regular board meeting that under old business letter C. that it be reworded that a draft copy of the Administrative Manual was given to each board member to review. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction as stated and Linn made second.

6. Brief Public Comment-NONE

7. Approval to pay the bills. Motion made by Linn, second by Smith to pay the bills as presented to the Board. Roll Call: Smith-yes, Linn-yes, VanderVeen-yes, Loper-yes, Lofgren-yes.

8. Reports by Boards and Committees.

A. Treasurers report. Motion by Lofgren, second by Smith to approve the treasurers report as presented.

B. General Fund Budget. Presented by supervisor for review.

C. Compensation Board. Board is in reciept of a letter from the compensation board with the recommendations that they have given. If board takes no action it automatically goes into effect on April 1, 1997. Attached to minutes is a copy of Compensation Board letter.

D. Sewer committee report by Chairman Tim McLaughlin. The committee is concerned with two areas and has divided itself into two groups to study each area. The areas of concern are flow and rates. Lou and Dick are looking at areas of the system with excess flow. There are great concerns about the far west end of the system. They are also looking for a company with a flow monitoring device. Gary contacted Lansing, Mr. Robert Schneider for information on the User Chart system for determining the rate to be charged for waste water treatment. The county has been contacted about the drain system for any added information. (Helen Lorenz).

E. Eugene Sinclair gave update on blight. Randy Branson inquired about turning new garage into a house. He was advised to tell mr. Branson to request in wrighting to the Planning & Zoning Board. Eugene talked to Ken Smith about blight at 8703 N. State Road and was told that the person who owned the equipment would clean up and go out of business when we had a thaw.

Eugene has two letters, one from Thomas Ancel and one from Scott Glosson on the Lawrence Davidson blight on M-46. Supervisor would like a meeting with Eugene and Lawrence Davidson.

Rod Palmer at R.A.P. Auto Sales wants property directly south of him to be rezoned commercial. Eugene was informed that Mr. Palmer would have to request in wrighting to the Planning and Zonning Commission and they will have a special meeting and report back to the township board.

Eugene has a verbal request from Chris Darling to rezone property to commercial on Luce Road. Eugene was advised to tell Chris to request in wrighting to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

9. Old Business

A. Agreements with Gratiot County Road Commission. Lofgren made a motion to accept the agreement with Gratiot County Road Commission to apply two full applications (if needed). second by smith. Roll Call: VanderVeen-yes, Smith-yes, Loper-yes, Lofgren-yes, Linn-yes.

A. Resurfacing Agreement. Motion made by Smith to sign agreement with Gratiot County Road Commission to resurface 5 miles of gravel roads in 1997 as stated in the agreement, second by Lofgren. Roll Call: VanderVeen-yes, Smith-yes, Loper-yes, Lofgren-yes, Linn-yes.

B. Sewer Treatment Plant. It was discussed and decided that we should show an interest to the City of St. Louis about purchasing additional capacity in the new plant but we need more specific facts and figures on the funding. There was a motion by Smith to table any decision but to continue to seek information on the facts and figures. second by Lofgren.

C. Administrative Manual. It is the opinion of supervisor VanderVeen and the township attorney that the Administrative manual draft should be further refined. No decision was made and the draft was tabled by a 5 yeah-0 nay vote.

D. Alma Sewer Extension. Supervisor is meeting with the City of Alma and any expansion with the Alma sewer system needs to be presented to and approved by the City of Alma. Mike Pung's project is just outside the current service area.

E. There is a letter from Peggy Trgina concerning a long term blight that will be turned over to Eugene Sinclair to start the process to eliminate this blight.

F. Wright Cemetary. There was a motion made by Loper to assist David Dickman in marking the cemetary lots and determine if we need to purchase additional markers. Also Linn will donate all trees that we decide to plant in the Cemetary. Clerk will assist David when it can be scheduled.

10. It was discussed and decided that this board would schedule a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on March 19, 1997 to amend the current 1996-1997 budget to bring it into balance and a work

session immediately following to begin to prepare the 1997-1998 budget. Further there will be an additional work session on March 25, 1997 to finish the preparation of the 1997-1998 budget at 6:00 p.m. . In addition there will be a Public Hearing and Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 26, 1997 to review the 1997-1998 budget and for the Board to Approve it.

12. Announcements. The Gratiot County Township Association will meet on March 20, 1997 at 7:30 p,m, at the Ithaca Community Center. Also on Tuesday April 15, 1997 there is a county wide Planning & Zoning Commission meeting at the Commissioners room in the courthouse to plan an updating of the zoning ordinance.

13. Motion by Loper, second by Lofgren to adjourn the meeting. 5 yeahs 0 nays.

Gary Lofgren

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Clerk