

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 04, 2026 7:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Visser
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Present: Huston, Meert, Visser, Sell, Hephner Also Present: Josh Thall, Attorney
4. Approve Agenda: *Motion by Hephner, supported by Visser to approve the agenda. All yes, motion carried.*
5. Consent Agenda: *Motion by Huston, supported by Hephner to approve the Consent Agenda. All yes, motion carried.*
6. Monthly Bills: *Motion by Visser, supported by Hephner to approve the monthly bills after changing the well repair bill to the fire department. All yes, motion carried.*
7. Correspondence and Reports:
 - A. County Commissioner: Submitted DiStefano stated there would be no more printed monthly reports. Visser asked if a link could be provided for Pine Grove to put on their website. DiStefano will look into this possibility. VBC Discover Kal-Haven Trail will be on Saturday.
 - B. Road Commission: Submitted Doug Burleson was absent. Visser reported that crews were still performing storm cleanups, tree work is happening now, patching has started, and boom mowing has started. Gravel road grading is still on hold as frost levels are still too high.
 - C. Fire Chief: 45 calls to date, up from last year. GPGFD is going to sign an Automatic Aid Agreement with Otsego. Free Smoke Detectors are still available.
 - D. Fire Board: Chris advised the Board has submitted purchase orders to two companies, one for the new cab and chassis, 12-14 months, and a company that transfers the pump and body to the new chassis.
 - E. Ambulance: Submitted Eric from Life EMS advised they had 18 responses for the month of January.
 - F. Treasurer: Submitted As of 1-31-2026: Total: \$1,531,168.60
 - G. Planning Commission: Next meeting, 03-16-2026 at 6 p.m. Presentation by Geronimo Elect.
 - H. KABA: Submitted. \$2,835.00 in Building Permits year to date.
8. Committee Reports:
 1. Building Committee – Mold remediation bids have been advertised, no bids have come in so far, but VanDam and Kruisinga will be submitting.
9. Old Business:
 1. Grant Opportunities – Update: USDA Grant Program has been delayed until likely May or June.
 2. CR388/25th and 12th Ave Curves: Approval of Consumers Costs for LED Lights: Visser reported Consumers costs for putting in LED Lights at CR 388/25th is \$1,590.00. On CR388/12th, the cost will be \$230. *Motion by Visser, supported by Hephner to approve costs for CR388/25th at \$1,590 and CR388/12th St at \$230. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser -yes, Sell – yes, Hephner – yes. All yes, motion carried.*
 3. CR388/25th St Curve: Approval of Resolution to Install LED Traffic Control Devices: Visser read the resolution. *Motion by Visser, supported by Sell, to approve the resolution. All yes, motion carried.*
 4. 2026 Road Planning – 2nd Avenue Bridge Funding Resolution: Visser read the resolution. *Motion by Visser, supported by Huston to raise the commitment percentage to 10 % for the replacement of the 2nd Avenue structure to match Van Buren County Road Commissions financial commitment. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell – yes, Hephner – yes. All yes, motion carried. Motion by Huston, supported by Visser to approve the resolution as stated at 10%. All yes, motion carried.*
 5. Solar Panels: Atty Thall stated that he will be at the March 16th Planning Commission meeting where Geronimo Electric will be introducing their company.
10. New Business:
 1. Approval of 2026-27 GPGFD Budget: *Motion by Huston, supported by Hephner to approve the 2026-27 GPGFD budget as presented. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell – yes, Hephner – yes. All yes, motion carried.*

2. **Approval of 2026-27 CPA Contract:** *Motion by Sell, supported by Visser to approve the 2026-27 CPA Contract with Siegfried/Crandall in the amount of \$9200.00. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell – yes, Hephner – yes. All yest, motion carried.*
11. **Public Comment (Limit 2 minutes per person):** Pam advised that Saturday, March 14th, the Kendall Church will host a soup supper, 5:30pm to 7:00 pm. They will have soup, salads, dessert and beverages. Jesse Richardson thanked the Fire Department and Ambulance Service for their fantastic job with a recent situation at his home. He stated the GPGFD should receive all the support from the township they can give. **Member Comment:** Meert advised the new Zoning Map is now on the Pine Grove Website under the COMMUNITY tab. Visser advised the Board of Review will be held next week, Monday and Wednesday, residents need to make an appointment.
12. **Adjournment:** *Motion by Huston, supported Visser to adjourn at 8:00 pm. All yes, motion carried.*

Adjourned: 8:00p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Meert, Pine Grove Township Clerk**