

PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 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 **Absent:** Hephner **Also Present:** Josh Thall, Attorney
4. **Approve Agenda:**
5. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by Visser, supported by Huston to approve the Consent Agenda. All yes, motion carried.*
6. **Monthly Bills:** *Motion by Sell, supported by Visser to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$26,943.66 as presented. All yes, motion carried.*
7. **Correspondence and Reports:**
 - A. **County Commissioner: Submitted** Commissioner DiStefano presented the monthly report.
 - B. **Road Commission: Report Submitted**
 - C. **Fire Chief:** 122 calls for service to date Multiple house fires with no smoke detectors. The Fire Dept. has smoke detectors for residents, FREE OF CHARGE
 - D. **Fire Board:** GPGFD has received an offer on aging out fire truck, \$300,000 and are working through that offer.
 - E. **Ambulance: Report Submitted:** 5 total responses for April.
 - F. **Treasurer: Submitted As of 4-30-2026:** Total: \$1,599,761.26
 - G. **Planning Commission:** Discussed a Work Plan, next meeting is June 22nd 6pm
 - H. **KABA: May:** \$7,234 in permits, \$15, 471.52 year to date
 - I. **Paw Paw Senior Center: Ann Belecki, Director:** Ann distributed newsletters and calendar of events. Ann explained the changes coming for the Senior Center, especially the move to a new facility.
8. **Committee Reports:**
 1. **Building Committee** – still waiting on mold remediation estimate from VDK.
9. **Old Business:**
 1. **Solar Panels – Data Centers: Discuss under New Business**
 2. **Parks & Rec Plan – Meeting Date Options with Becky to be Chosen:** Visser and Meert will meet with Becky Harvey to go over Parks and Rec Plan.
10. **New Business:**
 1. **PPSC Millage Renewal and Truth in Taxation:** Ann Belecki will get Pine Grove the information to get the Senior Center renewal on the November ballot. Attorney Thall stated since the millage is expired and has to be renewed, a Truth in Taxation hearing will have to be held. The hearing can be held in advance of the vote in anticipation of the renewal passing, so that if it does pass in November, the L4029 can be updated and get it submitted quickly.
 2. **VBCRC Cost Approvals: 1: Fog Seal 2. De-Berming 3. 25th St. 100' Paving:**
 1. *Motion by Sell, supported by Visser to approve \$187,554.54 for Seal Coat and Fog Seal. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell – yes. All yes, motion carried.*
 2. *Motion by Huston, supported by Visser to approve \$22,455.00 for De-Berming. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell – yes. All yes, motion carried.*
 3. *Motion by Huston, supported by Visser to table the paving of 25th Street until the Road Commission is working in the area. All yes, motion carried.*
 3. **Portable Restrooms for North Lake Beach Park and Boat Launch:** *Motion by Visser, supported by Huston to rent two ADA Compliant portable restrooms for the North Lake Park and Boat Launch for \$1,400.00 plus \$50 delivery fee from Kerkstra's for June 19th – Sept. 11th. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell – yes. All yes, motion carried.*
 4. **VBCD-Foam Recycling Co-Op Participation:** Kalli Marshall sent information regarding recycling Styrofoam. VBCD would provide a 20' shipping container to collect Styrofoam and each municipality would pay the \$75 pick-up fee. Huston stated that there was room at the Recycle Center and Sell stated that she could be interested in this service for the residents. *Motion by Sell, supported by Visser participate in the Styrofoam recycle co-op recycling program at the cost of \$75 per pick up. All yes, motion carried.*

5. **Market One – USDA RBDG Grant-Discussion & Request/Resolution for Approval to Proceed:** Katie explained the rural business development grant through the USDA. The grant is focused on helping communities help their businesses. Katie explained they are looking for the grant funding for the design of the project, which will be for projects such as lighting, sidewalk improvement, signage, area for food trucks, connections for utilities, bike racks, ADA complainant benches, trash receptacles, all things that will make people come into the downtown area. This grant is for the design only, the construction phase will be a different grant that will be applied for. The design estimate came in at \$60k. Katie recommends the township offer a 10% match of \$6,000. The grant requires a resolution that says, yes, we approve the application submission, this is how much we are asking for (\$54,000) with the match of \$6,000. That can be change to \$60,000 without a match. *Motion by Visser, supported by Huston to approve the resolution for the application submission for \$54,000.00 with a \$6,000 match. Roll Call: Huston – yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell – yes. All yes, motion carried.*
6. **Solar/Data Center Moratorium Discussion:** Attorney Thall went over options for moratoriums for solar and Data Centers and lead the board discussion. *Motion by Sell, supported by Visser, to go into moratorium for Data Centers. Roll Call: Huston -yes, Meert – yes, Visser – yes, Sell yes. All yes, motion carried.* Attorney Thall will prepare the zoning ordinance for the Planning Commission and notice it for a public hearing.
11. **Public Comment (Limit 2 minutes per person):** Doug complained about the boat ramp at North Lake and Visser explained what she has learned so far. Kelly Ward introduced herself as a Circuit Court Judge candidate for the 2026 elections. Eric complained about the ballot language regarding Truth in Taxation. Attorney Thall explained the law regarding ballot language. Eric asked if the grants could use local entities. Eric asked if anything has been clarified about the blight and Visser/Sell stated that conversations have been had with the Ordinance Enforcement officer. Resident asked if the Ordinance Enforcement officers reports could be shared with the public, just the numbers on complaints.
12. **Member Comment:** None
13. **Adjournment:** *Motion by Visser, supported Sell to adjourn at 8:46 pm. All yes, motion carried.*

Adjourned: 8:46 p.m.

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