

Pinora Township, Lake County
Board Meeting Minutes
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<https://pinoratownshipmi.org>

February 5th, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Victoria Dennett at 7:00pm.

Pledge to the American Flag: Pledge was led by Sidney Woods.

Roll Call: A roll call was taken. All board members present.

Approve Agenda: Robert Visner made a motion to approve the agenda, with the change of adding Ballot Box to New Business #8. Donald Dvoracek seconded. All in Favor: **all**; All Opposed: **none**. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report: Ashley Visner presented minutes from January 2nd, 2023. Robert Visner made a motion to approve the minutes. Donald Dvoracek seconded. All in Favor: **all**; All Opposed: **none**. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Donald Dvoracek reported a beginning January balance of \$104,176.64 and ending balance of \$118,420.00 with \$22,402.97 in deposits and \$8,159.61 in expenses. Robert Visner made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Sidney Woods seconded. All in Favor: **all**; All Opposed: **none**. Motion carried.

Assessor's Report: Molly Whetstone was not in attendance.

Commissioner's Report: Kristine Raymond was in attendance. She gave an update on the ORV park (opening this spring), an update on Materials Management Planning (regarding money for recycling), information about United Way (call/text 211 for resource help), and information about Mobile Drug Unit through the Health Department.

Members of the community; concerns and questions; 2 minutes please

***Howie Lodholtz**, Commissioner Chairperson: He reported that the old prison is paid and by the end of the year the courthouse will be paid off.

***Dave Belden**, LTFD: He reported that grant season is approaching and no calls for Pinora in February.

Old Business

1. S Deer Lake Rd. and E. 40th St. Road signs ordered; waiting to be installed.

New Business

1. Pay all bills that have been submitted that are on the approved list. Paper and ink for Victoria Dennett for \$38.26. Ashley Visner made a motion to pay all bills on the approved list. Robert Visner seconded. All in Favor: **all**; All Opposed: **none**. Motion carried.
2. Pay all bills that have been submitted that are not on the approved list. A bill for Dwight Gingrich for \$50.00 was presented. Donald Dvoracek made a motion to pay this bill. Robert Visner seconded. All in Favor: **all**; All Opposed: **none**. Motion carried.
3. Amend Budget for +\$2,000 for elections and +\$2,400 for Mow/plowing. Ashley Visner presented that the February election was not in the budget and there are bills to pay, and the mow/plowing needs to be increased to pay the tree removal plus plowing for the rest of the season. Donald Dvoracek made a motion to increase these budgets. Robert Visner seconded. All in Favor: **all**; All Opposed: **none**. Motion carried.
4. Discussion on Verizon Tower at any township property. Robert Visner made a motion to end the discussion on the tower and make it known that the township board is no longer interested in the Verizon tower at any township property, including the hall, schoolhouse, or both cemeteries. Ashley Visner seconded. All in Favor: **all**; All Opposed: **none**. Motion carried.

5. Clerk presenting a cemetery ordinance. Ashley Visner gave the board a cemetery ordinance to preview. The board will determine what is applicable and will make a final vote on the ordinance at a later meeting, in April or May.
6. Robert Visner speaking about the school house property. Robert presented that Lake County Economic Development has Blight money towards municipality property and would like to use it towards the school house. No vote was taken, but the board seemed to be against this. They discussed selling the property. This topic will be tabled.
7. Brian Virden, Lake County Director of Central Dispatch. Brian gave an update on the expansion and mentioned within the next 4-6 weeks they will switch the phones to a new room.
8. Ballot Box. The township received a new ballot box from the state. When Robert Visner went to install it, he mentioned that there should be better concrete than what is currently there.

Correspondence and Announcements

*Meeting dates for 2023-2024: Mar 4; All meetings start at 7pm

*Combined Pinora and Chase March BOR is scheduled for the following at Pinora Township Hall.

- Organizational Meeting: March 5 @ 8am

- Regular Meeting: March 11 @ 9am to 3pm and March 13 @ 3pm to 9pm.

*Large Item pick-up for 2024 is August 3rd, 2024 @ 8am-Noon

*Last Day to pay Property Taxes is February 29th, 2024

Adjournment: Robert Visner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donald Dvoracek seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

Submitted by Ashley Visner