

Pine Shadows Road District – Finance Meeting Minutes

The annual finance meeting was held on September 20th, 2025, at the Hot Springs Public Library

In attendance were: Representing the Road District - President Suzie Wick and Treasurer Beth Caha. Representing the Property Owners Association – Susan Bender, President.

Also in attendance were Micheal Kurgan, Richard Knuston, Cathy Sutherland, Tom Gillaspie, Ace Wick, Melinda Kuehl, Michael and Paula Jo Bertsch, Karen and Kelly Schaeffer, Brad and Jessica Woscicki, and Steve Erickson

The meeting was called to order by President Suzie Wick at 10:06 am

Suzie Wick read the minutes of 2024 Finance Meeting Minutes. Minutes were approved and second.

Beth Caha presented the 2025 Treasurer Report. Total expenditures were \$22,740.83 with one outstanding expense for SDPAA Insurance. Complete treasurer report is attached.

With no questions regarding the treasurer report, the report was accepted as presented.

Beth Caha then presented the proposed budget for 2026. Budget is \$34,169.92 – details are attached in the projected budget. The Road District decided to separate from the Property Owners Association, therefore will be a stand-alone district.

Tax contribution from Fall River County for 2026 will be \$6,804.00 which includes the increase of \$489.00 due to a 2.9% increase of CPI and 4.84% growth per Sue Ganje, Auditor. Due to the decision not to accept funds from the Association, the special assessment will be raised from \$170 to \$245.00 per lot (\$75.00 increase) for 2026.

In the projected 2026 Budget a fall maintenance budget has been added. Due to the increase road traffic, we feel strongly this is needed. This would be only for the first 1,000 feet starting at the subdivision entrance and ending shortly before the Forest Rd intersection. We have to verify with our vendors if this is an option. Mostly our new dust control vendor.

Beth Caha also presented a spreadsheet showing Road District main expenses for the past six years. The expenses include gravel, grading and dust control. The most telling information listed on this spreadsheet is the % change of cost per unit from year to year.

Old Business – no additions discussing on old business

New Business –

- Mike Kurgan brought up the issue on the first major curve coming into the subdivision. The ditch and culvert fills in with dirt and gravel after major storms. This has been an on going issue and Suzie Wick said she's discussed this with Robbie @ Simons when they did the spring work drive-a-round. In the past, Robbie has tried to cut and re-regrade the ditch but the issue still remains after strong storms. Replacing to a larger culvert would be challenging due to this being the only access in and out of the subdivision.
- Dust Control – Dustbuster has been sold and Suzie is trying to set up our account with the vendor. Unfortunately, this has been a challenge. The board members will be checking into other vendors and will secure a new company for our spring work.
- Golden West and ditch construction. Comments were made regarding Golden West construction in the ditches and large equipment on the roads. Melinda K. said she was told the ditches would be cleaned up this fall, but the Golden West will be working in the Cascade Road area for the next two years. Another comment was to see if Golden West would make some financial reimbursement to the road district due to the wear and tear of our road due to the large equipment. The board will call to see if this is an option.
- Yield Sign – Ace and Suzie install a yield sign at the intersection of Pine Shadows / Forest Rd. Golden West was nice enough to cut the rock for the sign post.
- Additional Signage – It was discussed if additional signage is needed in the subdivision due to several vehicles traveling above the 20-mph posted speed limit. Many had concerns of children at play in the ditches and roadway. On Forest Rd there is one blind spot at the base of a hill where some children play. It was discussed as to what type of signage we would need and where to place. At this time, the board will be purchasing "Amish" signage and this would be placed at the entrance of the subdivision. The attendees decided the signs are not effective and the only one needed is the Amish sign at this time.
- Speeding – Many residences are concerned of some vehicles traveling excessive speeds. This is a combination of residence and delivery vehicles. A comment was made about speed bumps, but this is not an option due to emergency vehicles. We would like to stress to slow down. This would make our roads safer for children at play, walkers and near misses at intersections. Excessive speed also stirs up unwanted dust for our neighbors and quicker deterioration of the dust control on the roads.
- Check your 'Speed' sign – some discussed visiting with the county about a portable speed sign that flashes your current speed or electric message sign listing speed limit, children at play and etc. This maybe cost prohibitive, but the board will check with the county if this is an option and if so, the cost.
- Large trucks – Due to new construction, this year has seen an increase of large trucks traveling throughout our subdivision. We are a growing subdivision and we welcome our new neighbors, but truck traffic is a downside. With the increase of traffic (residential and large truck) the board is looking into a fall road maintenance for the first 1000 feet from our subdivision entrance.

There being no other questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Suzie Wick, President and Beth Caha, Treasure, Pine Shadows Road District