



**Pine City Township
New Town Hall**

**Dedication and Historical Presentation
July 10, 1988
1:30 - 5:00 P.M.
Program at 2:00 P.M.**



B. Karas
June
1988

Town Officers, 1874

Seth Knowles, *Chairman*
H. P. Robbe, *Clerk*
Saul Millett, *Treasurer*
James Griffen, *Supervisor*
H. B. Hoffman, *Supervisor*

Town Officers, 1988

Charles Emslander, *Chairman*
Helen Nordrum, *Clerk*
Dallas Madison, *Treasurer*
Robert Soderbeck, *Supervisor*
Ed Stoffel, *Supervisor*

Thank you for joining with us in our
Dedication Celebration.

The Town Hall of Pine City Town

On March 24, 1988, Ed Stoffel called together a group of interested people, primarily from Pine Town, to consider planning some historic preservation activities in conjunction with the dedication of the new Town Hall.

Pine Town is extremely fortunate in having a nearly complete set of Town records going back to its organizational meeting on April 27, 1874 at Brackett's Hotel (NE corner of 2nd & 3rd St., Pine City) with Oliver Wilcox as moderator and H.P. Robbe as clerk. The Town included part or all to T.38, 39 and 40N, R.19, 20, 21 & 22W. This included part or all of the present Towns of Brook Park, Mission Creek, Royalton, Rock Creek, Pokegama and Pine City Village.

The group found the old records so very interesting and they felt that at least a few of the items should be shared.

2-19-77 1st recorded birth - Philip Thomas Metlser.

1-14-81 1st recorded death - 1 day old baby girl of Albert and Hattie Pennington.

10-21-76 1st case of Town liability. \$4.00 was paid for damage to buggy.

3-14-83 Authorization was given to the Board to contact a lawyer, and if necessary, to sue the owners of the Chengwatana Dam, because it was felt that the Nickaboine area was being flooded in times of high water because of the Dam. (This was a toll dam - a fee was charged for each log going thro' the sluice.)

6-24-89 The Board of Health was to inspect all animals which were going to be slaughtered for human consumption. Health Board members were Henry Rohlf, August Ausmus, Peter Erickson and Wm. Francey. They were to receive 20¢ for each beef or veal and 15¢ for sheep or swine.

1892 Presidential Election. 55 males and 4 females were on the Register of Electors. Highest vote was cast for Susan Shearer, Sup't of Schools. The Town uses the 3 ballot boxes used - 1 each - red, white and blue. The women's ballots were sealed in the red box. The vote was for the electors, so it was not possible for us to determine who was the Presidential winner in this Town.

March 1897 At the annual meeting it was voted that a new hall should be built at the corner of the Gov't. and St. Croix Roads. To be a frame building, 16x26, not to exceed \$100 cost. No record of its being built.

3-14-11 Motion made to buy ½ acre of land from Frank Karas on which to build a hall 24x40x12 for \$1000.00 including furniture and fixtures.

3-12-12 Meeting to change Town Hall site. 1912 Hall re-bid leaving out doors, windows, inside sheathing and floor. The plans cost \$25.00. Bid was received at \$957.00. 13 benches were bought from the Milburn Church for \$6.00.

May, 1988 Town Hall sold to the Amish for \$575.00 for use as a school.

6-20-04 Dr. Wiseman was to examine all families exposed to diphtheria. One family was quarantined.

1-14-08 28 voted for bonding for bridge construction. Hewitt Bridge Co. was the builder and costs of \$5987.00 plus \$265.00 for the approach was to be shared with Chengwatana.

1911 Bridge to be painted after all the rust spots were dug out and filled and the job inspected and approved. No painting to be done in damp weather. Contract was let to Paul Chaffee for \$159 and costs again were shared with Chengwatana.

3-12-12 Wages for man and team increased to 20¢ per hour.

5-14-24 Bids for vault called for. (G. A. Robinson couldn't attend this meeting because he was kicked by a horse.) Later entries show that the vault door cost \$156 and that Adolph Blazek was paid \$356 for building the vault.

3-17-31 Depression. Supervisor's pay reduced from \$3 to \$2 per meeting.

May 1931 Al Blomberg contracted to haul gravel at 7¢ per yard. Board preferred that the sand be "loaded with a shovel".

1932 Officer's salaries cut by ⅓. 4-horse grader was paid 75 cents per mile.

1933 Another ⅓ cut in salaries of officers.

1946 Salaries paid per hour: labor 50¢, team 25¢, patrol \$1.00 man and tractor \$1.50.

1960 Labor 50¢, patrol \$1.35, tractor work \$1.00, tractor pulling grader \$1.50.

March 1987 At the annual Town meeting, residents authorized expenditure of up to \$50,000.00 for construction of a new Town Hall 40x80.

We hope you find these historical bits as interesting as we have.

