

**December 2, 2015**

The Town of Pines Town Council held an Additional Appropriation hearing for CEDIT. Sandra read Ordinance No. 2015-12-2. Bud made a motion to pass Ordinance no. 2015-12-2 and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Cathi led us in the Pledge to the Flag. In attendance were: Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Bud Prast, Sandra Hall and Alan Murray. Bud made a motion to accept the November meeting minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Clerk-Treasurer**

Cathi read a Proclamation for the Birthday of Indiana and presented the flag that was to commemorate the Bicentennial of the state of Indiana. Sandra presented the contract from Attorney Gregory A. Sobkowski – Bud made a motion to accept the contract and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Building and Zoning Administrator**

One code book sold for \$5.00 1 building permit 2 BZA petitions and 1 vacation of an alleyway. John Wojtla from Zaremba which has relationship with Dollar General gave the Town Council an overview of what they are going to be asking for in a BZA hearing. They are asking the Town for a BZA hearing. Dollar General wants to build a store on Highway 12 at Connecticut and Colorado. The hearing to vacate the alleyway is set for December 30, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**Street Department**

Vicki is asking for someone to apply to work for the Town's street department. Culverts are all flowing. Leaf pickup is stalled for now. There is about \$3,000.00 worth of damage to the Town Truck. Rob explained that the bed of the Truck fell off when dumping the leaves. Rob found someone to fix and wants to start on Monday. Bud made a motion to allow Rob to get the Truck repaired and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Old Business**

The message board – shipping is \$189.75, message board itself is \$542.75 and the posts are \$321.50 which brings total to \$1,054.00. Bud made a motion to purchase the board and posts and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Angie from NIPSCO presented the Council with the plans for the playground and would like to know if the Council wants the money or do they want NIPSCO'S contractors to install equipment – the total for the equipment with installation is \$55,000.00. Bud made a motion to have NIPSCO contractors install the equipment and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. The Council asked that they leave room for our slide and dinosaur and that our benches be put back in.

**New Business**

Stenographer to come to BZA tomorrow which is \$100.00 for 2 hours plus \$3.85 per page. And there will be two meetings. Bud made a motion to pay this bill when it comes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Bud mentioned that the fee for BZA is not covering the cost of these hearings. We charge only \$50.00 whereas other communities are charging \$900.00. We are looking at changing this fee to \$400.00. Stenographer will take down every word and therefore if taken to court we have a legal document of what was said. We will have further discussion on this in the February meeting.

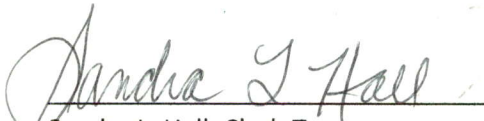
**Public Comments**

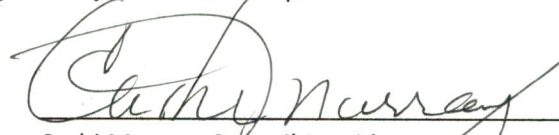
Mrs. Gray has a complaint about the people not stopping at the stop sign at the corner of Maine and Henry. Vicki will look into a bigger stop sign for this intersection. Mr. Burton made a statement that he feels the Dollar General will be good for the Town.

**Claims**

Bud made a motion to pay the claims and Vicki Seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

  
Cathi Murray, Council President