

Town of Pines Meeting

December 30, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines, Town Council, was called to order at 6:30 PM. This meeting was a regular Council Meeting held at the Town Hall. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. There will be NO MEETING in January 2023.

James led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were James Prast, Janice Lowe, Philip Orlando, and Shelby Mashburn.

MINUTES

Shelby presents December 7, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Janice made a motion to accept the minutes, James seconds. Janice votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 2-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby presents a request from INDOT for an ordinance regarding signing and authorization of documents for INDOT. 2022-12-30-05 Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Pines of Indiana Concerning Authorization for Execution of INDOT Agreements. Shelby reads the ordinance as written. Noting the needed change of wording from Resolution to Ordinance, immediately to be corrected and reprinted.

Shelby also presents the Salary Ordinance for Payroll for 2023. Ordinance number 2022-12-30-06. Shelby reads the ordinance as written. Janice asks if there are any changes to this ordinance from 2022. There are no changes to this ordinance.

Shelby asks about the fridge with a bottom freezer for the Town Hall as required by ADA compliance. She has found a fridge that will fit on sale for 849.99 at Lowe's. Janice states as long as it is under \$1000 that sounds reasonable for a replacement fridge. She also requests delivery to the hall. Shelby will order the fridge and Rob will help when it arrives if needed.

James moves to vote on previously mentioned ordinances. Janice makes a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-12-30-05 for INDOT. James seconds. Janice votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 2-0. Janice makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-12-30-06. James seconds. Janice votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 2-0.

Chris with Michigan City Water Department is still working on the quote for the work as discussed to use the ARPA funds. Tammy Watkins mentions concern about how they are requesting payment. Shelby will contact the SBOA regarding how to handle this type of payment and work with Chris to sort this issue out.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had 30 Calls.

Currently they are still using the station on 520 at a short term basis, still subject to change. Janice mentions that she has spoken with Nick the new Trustee and Matt Kaiser. Nick has expressed interest in using the Town hall in the Pines to hold his meetings alternating with Beverly Shores.

They have received \$8,000 in grants and hopefully will receive more. They are working to improve weather proofing for their equipment to prevent freezing.

STREET DEPARTMENT

The pickup truck needed repaired for the Plow. A wire was causing a disconnect.

There is another issue now that he will be taking the truck in for Monday.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Phil had 5 calls about garbage pickup. Due to the storm and holiday they are delayed on pickups. They are aware there will be an overflow of garbage, everything is to be picked up at no extra charge, hopefully by Friday or Saturday. If there are any missed items please let them know and they will return.

Phil has not had any luck yet in contacting INDOT regarding the Ordinance as requested for highway parking. He will continue to try to resolve this issue.

He spoke to Andre with NIPSCO regarding the property they have been holding for the last year.

Phil spoke with the Town Attorney regarding the Maintenance Building for use by the Fire Department. He said this is too much of a liability. They can use our current building as it is grandfathered in and an existing structure not something we are building new for them. We would have to donate it to do this.

There are no Building Permits.

James asks about RJs and who owns it now. Virk owns RJs now.

Rob asks about who the owner of a building on 12 is. Phil said he will try to find the information for him.

OLD BUSINESS

Janice presents a new contract from Abonmarche for our work with the street work with CCMG. The total is \$34,500 for this contract. Janice makes a motion to accept this contract. James seconds. Janice votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 2-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Tammy Watkins asks about the Fire Contract. Shelby states that this contract is not correct. The date is old. Tammy will correct this date, there are no other changes or errors to this contract. Janice makes a motion to accept. James seconds. Janice votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CLAIMS

Janice makes a motion to pay the December 2022 Claims, James Seconds. Janice votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 2-0. Janice makes a motion to pay the bills to the end of the year for 2022. James seconds. Janice votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 2-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer