

**TOWN OF PINES
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 4. 2019**

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Bud led the meeting in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In Attendance were, Cathi Murray, James Prast, Alan Murray and Janice Lowe, Clerk/Treasurer. The next meeting will be on December 27, 2019, and there will be no meeting in January 2020. The meeting time will be 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Cathi made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Vicki passed 3-0.

Clerk Treasurer

Reported on the User Meeting she had attended in Wabash, In. The clerk also ask to be reimbursed for the expenses of the trip. Cathi made motion to pay claim, seconded by Vicki and approved 3-0.

The salary ordinance 2019-12-4-2 for 2020 was presented and approved with a motion by Cathi and seconded by Vicki and carried 3-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING

No communication has been received from owners of former antique shop at 520 & Hwy 12 in regard to what their next step would be to take care of the unsafe condition of the building. Alan completed one electrical inspection in the month of November..

FIRE DEPT.

See attached

STREET DEPT.

The street dept in the month of November has continued to work on leaf pickup continuing from East to West. The truck still has problems and repairs are needed. The residents need to have a better understanding of how the leaf pick up works. The Compost was picked up by the County, a suggestion was made to post a sign with instructions on how residents can obtain compost.

OLD BUSINESS

A Continuous Enforcement Order was granted to The Town of Pines in regard to the property at 1552 Colorado Ave, owner, Anthony A. Skrebys. The order outlines what can be removed from the property and the town was granted order from the court to take action to ensure the

condition of the Property is in a condition consistent with the terms of the Order. The town is authorized to take action after December 10, 2019.

American Trash has given the town a quote of \$5000.00 to start on the cleanup. Motion was made by Cathi to hire American Trash and for them to begin the clean up. The motion was seconded by Vicki and carried 3-0.

Vicki reported the bids through Abonmarche for the streets to be repaved will start in January and close in February. The council will decide what 3 roads will be repaired.

Bud has had a meeting with the County in regard to Railroad Ave, and the road has been improved, the county will level, chip and seal the road for \$11,000.

A letter was sent to the owners of property at 3025 US 12 in regard to storage of vehicles on the property.

A discussion concerning property at Hwy 12 and 520 in regard to the building being unsafe and what could be considered if the building has to be torn down. A licensed inspector needs to look at the property. This matter was tabled for later..

Public COMMENTS

Resident from 2nd Place showed he had all the necessary documentation for the home improvements to continue.

Matt Calloway from California Ave voiced his concern about the high water and that it was a result from the work NIPSCO had done. Mr. Sullivan from NIPSCO will be contacted.

Mrs. Combs reported there had been a strong smell of gas on the street she lives on and NIPSCO had been contacted but unable to find leak until second call then the problem was found and repaired.

Resident had comments in regard to the leaf pickup and had suggestions as how to help the residents better understand the process. Vicki agreed they were good ideas and will check into using those ideas.

Reminder that there was a BZA meeting scheduled for December 5, 2019.

Residents were told that Porter County has a ban on all open fires.

Cathi made a motion to pay claims and Vicki seconded it, passed 3

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Janice Lowe, Clerk/Treas


James Prast, President