

**December 7, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Cathi Murray, George Adey, Vicki Kuzio, Alan Murray and Sandra Hall. Cathi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

George made a motion to accept November's minutes, Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Clerk-Treasurer**

A letter was sent to Michel Industrial Chemical about picking up the degreaser or sending us the money for shipping this product back to them. If not the council will set a charge for storage. George made a motion to renew the maintenance fee for the Keystone Software, Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Sandra presented the 2012 Salary Ordinance and George made a motion to accept the ordinance and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Building and Zoning Administrator**

One permit was issued for the month of November. The new garage door was installed and there was an extra charge for an extra rubber sealer to be put on the bottom due to a dip in the concrete. Telephone poles were delivered and will be installed when the ground is not frozen (spring if not able to do sooner). Alan checked out the house on Pine Street that someone complained about last month. Alan did not see any problems with the house, but he will check it again in the spring. The house on Louisiana is a real problem. The siding has been removed and insulation is exposed, there are holes in the outside walls. The owner is deceased and it is being taken care of by Safe Guard Properties, but their responsibilities are only to board up broken windows and mow the grass. Alan will work on this and get back with the council. Alan reported that there are 7-8 homes that are abandoned in the Town. Pumps on 12 building is going on auction on January 11, 2012. Integrative Flavors are suppose to send a report to the Town about the number of employees they have hired, how many are from the Town and if not from the Town why, etc... Sandra will send them a letter regarding this. The Town Hall is complete. Mr. Bob Gerometta sent a letter to Cathi about being paid more due to extra time he put into the Town Hall. Vicki made a motion to deny the request and George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Sandra will send a letter to the Architect thanking him for a good job.

**Street Department**

Received a invoice from Jakab Falatovics. Jon's Tree service had problems with their equipment, but they will get to the tree that they are doing for the Town sometime in the next week. Vicki will be having a meeting with the street department men. The leaves are still being picked up until the first major snowfall. There is a street light out on the corner of 520 and 12. (the pole number is 201/096.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

The end of the year meeting will be held on December 28, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Benson from Beverly Shores came to report that the Town of Pines will be included in any correspondence regarding the Marquette Plan. Also, he wanted to encourage the Town of Pines to be involved in the NIRPC meetings. The problem with that is that they meet in the mornings and all the Town Council members have to work. Street light on Birch is out. Loukia Verhage asked about the house on Highway 20 that is run down. This house is not in the Town of Pines. Waste Management has been leaving flyers in mailboxes about getting their services for trash pickup. The Town of Pines residents get garbage pickup through the Town of Pines it is paid for by their taxes.

**Claims**

George made a motion to pay the November Claims. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Vicki made a motion to allow George to attend the Newly Elected Officials Boot Camp in Indianapolis, Cathi 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  
Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

Cathi Murray  
Cathi Murray, Council President