

Town of Pines Meeting

December 7, 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, December 28, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. as our End of Year Meeting. There will be NO MEETING in January 2023.

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

MINUTES

Shelby presents Building Workshop Minutes. James made a motion to accept the minutes, Vicki seconds. Vicki votes yes, Janice votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0. She also presents the November Minutes. James points out 2 spelling errors to be changed. James makes a motion to minutes for November. Janice Seconds. Vicki votes yes, Janice votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby is waiting to hear from Chris Johnson with the Water Department regarding the plans for extending water through the west side of town with COVID funding. She needs an invoice from him to pay this out.

Shelby has received response from our 2023 budget. They suggested a change of a very minimal decrease in the General fund, this was accepted as it did not affect anything. She will update council if she hears further for the budget.

Shelby presents the topic of the Year End Meeting and reminds Council there will be no January Meeting. Council decides on Wednesday December 28, 2022 at 6:30 PM

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has 19 Calls.

Council asks about the updated contract for 2023. Janice asks if there are any changes. Tammy says that there are no changes to the contract at this time. It will be discussed at the End of Year Meeting.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Rob has finished leaf pick up with a new record of 108 loads of leaves picked up and composted.

Rob states he need to have the truck taken to the Ford Dealer regarding an issue with one of the trucks. He also will need to be getting a new part from ODP for a rusting part on the leaf box for next year.

Vicki thanks Rob with his hard work through the weather and with leaves. He voiced concern about the Trailer Park abusing leaf pickup. Council will reach out to him to ensure he is not dumping leaves in the pines that are from other locations.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Bryan & Abby Fugate have a 1679 Countyline Road for new shingles and siding.

Pierre Imperato at 699 Railroad Ave has a permit for a new pole barn.

Sharon Stich has completed her notification of petition for closing an alleyway to her 1 neighbor needed to be notified. Her alleyway directly behind her home will be vacated now.

Municode has reached out and estimated our code book to be done by June 2023.

Phil reached out to John's about tree removal about the trees on Idaho and 2nd place and getting them removed.

The new Maintenance building has bids. Its approximately \$200k for just the building concrete and insulation. This does not include water and other necessities it will need. It would be about \$350k total for the new building. Phil also brings up that we have to review the legality of the building. He will reach out to our attorney to find out what the best way to do this is or if it is a feasible option. He will update council as soon as he can.

OLD BUSINESS

James brings up an email received from IDOT Marcia. Shelby states we will discuss this as it is new business not old.

James asks about the fridge. Shelby is having difficulty finding the appropriate size needed in the format needed. Everything is 1 to 2 inches too big so far for the space available or does not have the requirements ADA has for our fridge.

NEW BUSINESS

Shelby brings up that Marcia has reached out regarding out CCMG. We were approved for the CCMG work and grant we were hoping for with work to be done in the spring. Shelby and or Jan will be reaching out to Matt with Abonmarche about the CCMG grant and work. They will update council once they have more definite information.

James received info from Tillman Infrastructure for the Cell Towers. They are looking to develop another potential cell tower. They would like to place this in pines park, adjacent to the current one. He will forward this to Shelby to share with council.

PUBLIC COMMENT

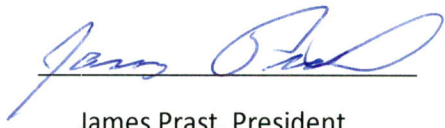
Two residents to whom live in the center of town express their concern with the replaced street lights that were recently updated by NIPSCO. They handed information regarding the wattage of lights to council for reference. They state that the 4000 K is a harmful level of light and disruptive to their lives. Council states that this was a service offered by NIPSCO. They will review information and will have a response for the brothers at the next meeting regarding lighting.

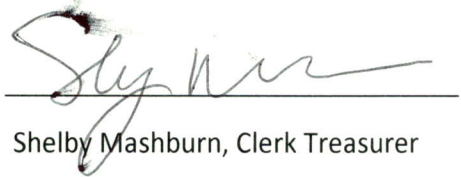
Kris at 1692 California Ave. They were having issues with their trash pickup and just wanted to thank Vicki for her assistance with the issues that they were having and for resolving the issue.

CLAIMS

Janice makes a motion to pay the November 2022 Claims, Vicki Seconds. Janice votes yes. Vicki votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M


James Prast, President


Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer