

Town of Pines Meeting

February 1, 2023

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, March 1, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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

James brings up the Appointment of Officers for 2023. These are President and Vice President. Vicki nominates James Prast. Janice does not nominate anyone. Vicki votes yes for James and Janice votes yes for James as President. For Council Vice President, James nominates Janice Lowe. Vicki votes yes for Janice as Vice President. James votes yes. James is appointed Council President and Janice is appointed Council Vice President

MINUTES

Due to an Issue with her computer, Shelby will have the minutes for the March 1, 2023 meeting.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby is working with Chris with the Water Department to do the work as a purchase order instead of a prepayment as standard. She has submitted a Purchase Order for this. She is now waiting to hear back for quotes or the next steps from Chris. We would pay as the work is finished through the project.

W2s and the End of Year is complete for 2022. If anyone has issues receiving their w2 let Shelby know.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had 27 Calls.

The Yukon bought for Fire Department use is ready. They will now be implementing it in calls when needed for ease of access and cost effectiveness.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Dave's trees is trimming around powerlines of branches and trees throughout the town.

There has not been much plowing or snow.

If there is any mess left from the trimming please let council know so they can have the company properly pick up.

The blower and wires are fixed now in the pickup.

James has asked that we prepare our flyer for Spring pickup.

He also has been getting calls thanking the town for the good work with the salt on the roads this year.

Vicki brings up the 2023 contract for the compost site with Porter County. She reads the agreement as is. Council has no questions. Janice makes a motion to accept the compost reporting. Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes. Vicki votes yes. James votes yes.

We submitted and signed the LRB Grant agreement.

James also brings up the CCMG Work that will be done this year and the raising cost of materials may effect what we can do or how much with these issues . He also explains the plan to widen RailRoad ave, and to fix the covert to prevent flooding.

James asks about an infrastructure funds coming out for use soon.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Phil has been working with NIPSCO regarding the homes at 1602 Idaho 1603 Florida. They will sell the property to the Town of \$10. Phil is bringing this to the attorney to see how they advise that the situation be handled. It is preferred to wait until March meeting to review this again after speaking with the Lawyer. This property does still have contaminated soil below 3 foot of fresh soil.

The town would be responsible for tearing down the buildings here and for maintaining the properties.

Due to this council decides to ask for an extension to the agreement and wants to review this further.

2949 W Dunes highway. Phil did speak to the Owner.

James brings up updates coming to the Calumet Trail He will send it to Shelby to review.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Pines Township Trustee will hold a meeting on Wednesday February 7th. Jan will get Shelby the time to post.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1709 Birch Street Kent Verhage. He asked about the no J Braking signage along 12 and 20. Vicki will try to look into this.

CLAIMS

Janice makes a motion to pay the January 2023 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 7:15 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer