

Town of Pines Meeting

February 21, 2024

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 6, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

Janice led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Shelby Mashburn, Janice Lowe, Vicki Kuzio, and Phil Orlando.

MINUTES

Shelby presents the December End of Year Meeting Minutes. Vicki makes a motion to approve the minutes, Janice seconds. Vicki Votes yes, Janice votes yes. Carried 2-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby has just been working on all the End of Year processes and file uploads, making sure everything is up to date currently.

She has not heard any further from Don Craft regarding the Porter County positions they were trying to fill.

Shelby has the contract for the Fire Department. This is dated to be signed at the March Meeting, as Tammy got this to the Town a little late. There are no changes in this contract.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No Fire Department today.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Vicki says nothing more about the street department currently.

Janice points out that we are preparing for this season's roadwork with Abonmarche as we do each year.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Permit for 1004 Scott Court for siding to building and electrical and gas connections.

Permit for 3967 West Dunes Highway for HP Construction for updates to City Electric (old carpet cuts).

Permit for A1 Sign at 3967 W Dunes for City Electrics Sign.

2702 West Dunes, no progress has been made yet with the company that owns this but Phil has been in contact.

Ben's cooling has reached out with a complaint for this situation too and Phil has discussed the matter with them as far as the information he has currently.

3501 W Dunes will be demolished as they have had a few fires now. They do plan to rebuild as of right now. This is Innovative Flavors.

OLD BUSINESS

Phil has spoken with the boat storage. He said he will move it over some.

Jeff Burton has been clearing trees on his property. He has not voiced any plans yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Janice brings up yard sales within the Town and what guidelines can be set for these. She asks to check what other towns do regarding this as some people have yard sales for the entire year every day. She suggests every 6 months for 2 weeks at a time maximum.

Shelby brings up the topic of Short Term rentals, as in Air B&Bs. Most of the surrounding towns have limits and restrictions on these homes. Council agrees this is something that we should look into with the location and pricing of the Town of Pines homes.

Janice also brings up that she has been trying to work with Matt Keiser of Abonmarche to see if there are any grants or possibilities to have sewer extended into the Town of Pines from Michigan City, like water is being done. Many homes in the Town need new septic work that they are unable to do and sewer would solve many homeowners problems. She will present more information when she has it.


PUBLIC COMMENT

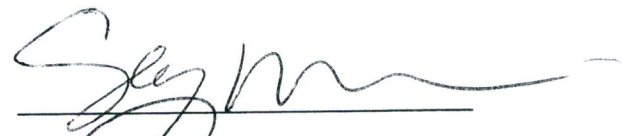
No public comment.

CLAIMS

Vicki makes a motion to pay the January 2024 Claims, Janice Seconds. Vicki votes yes. Janice votes yes. Carried 2-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M


James Prast, President


Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer