

Town of Pines Meeting

February 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines, Town Council, was called to order at 6:28 pm. James led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were, Vicki Kuzio, James Prast, Shelby Mashburn, and Philip Orlando.

Minutes

Motion to accept the minutes for December 30, 2019 by Vicki, seconded by James and carried 2-0.

Clerk Treasurer

The Clerk Treasurer, Shelby Mashburn, announced the official appointment of herself as the new Clerk Treasurer and Janice Lowe as the new Council Member. A caucus was held January 30, 2020 for these appointments. Janice will proceed to train and oversee the Clerk Treasurer position.

The 2019 year has been completed and rolled over into 2020. The Annual Financial Report is still in progress. This will be completed by the end of February.

Boyce is coming to update our Keystone Software, as well as training use on the new software. They are scheduled to come on February 25th and March 3rd.

A loan application for financing the new town truck purchase was discussed with Porter Bank. Once everything is completed it will be presented to the council.

Paniccia Heating and Cooling came and repaired the heating in the Town Hall. Paniccia replaced an OEM Pressure Switch, worked on both February 4th and February 5th to complete this.

Fire Department

The Fire Department ended the 2019 year with 107 calls.

In January there were 19 calls, 15 of which were in the town. There were 11 medical calls, 3 accident calls, and 1 call on Maple for a weird smell in their house.

There was a \$3000.00 grant received, which the department used to purchase medical supplies to stock each truck.

A new firefighter applied on February 4th, bringing the Fire Department up to 16 members.

Street Department

The new truck has been ordered. Rob will install the lights to ensure it has the appropriate set up.

Street department worked to patch some pot holes while the weather was nice.

Someone cut chain and lock off the compost site at Illinois and Railroad Ave. Porter County will be coming to replace this, so it can be accessed by the county as well.

Speed limit sign for Ardenadale to be replaced when the weather is warmer.

There is a request to widen the gate on Connecticut by a resident due to construction needs. It was discussed to widen the gate or remove it this spring to allow for the resident's access needs.

Building and Zoning

There is a new tire shop at 3610 Highway 20.

There was a building permit for 4136 Highway 12 for roofing replacement with Pines Bank.

A Gas Inspection at 3640 Henry Street for R. Jones.

There was a request from the BZA for approval from the Council for P. Victoroc to build a prefabricated building with a bathroom for his office. This is the location for a boat storage company. Mr. Victoroc is looking into the septic that is needed for this build. There is also discussion of stabilizing the fencing that is located at Mr. Victoroc's establishment. Vicki motions to approve building of prefabricated structure for office use. James seconds the motion. Carried 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

James was scheduled to meet with the attorney in January. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this was unable to happen. He will arrange to meet with them in February.

American Trash does not seem to want the job with Mr. Skrebys. They have not responded in any manner.

Phil has spoken with Shorewood Marina, they will work with Mr. Skrebys to get his boats pulled out. There are multiple contractors Phil is working with to get the yard cleaned up.

James will be speaking with Dan regarding the water on Second Place. It may be necessary to speak with the homeowner to possibly lower one side to allow a way for the water to drain off.

There were a few changes to be made to the roads planned to be repaved. Originally approved Ardenadale from Henry to Highway 12. This was changed due to the state of some roads compared to Ardenadale's state.

There has been no contact yet from the county regarding Railroad Ave. Waiting for approval from their supervisors. It needs to be determined where the town is responsible for versus the county.

New Business

No New Business.

Public Comments

The council is looking into getting a mic system to hear the council and speakers more clearly. This is to aid in the quality of the recordings of the meetings for record purposes.

Also looking to set up an improved system for road maintenance within the town to extend the life of the roads.

James would also like to set up a meeting for the local businesses within the Town of Pines to see what can be done to enhance their businesses, or to meet any needs they may have.

Request to update town Website by Loukia. She will meet with Shelby after the meeting to get this information.

Loukia also suggested setting up an offer for CPR class for town members.

Request to check the status of the bird recognition that was mentioned a few months prior by another town member. Also there was a request to find good locations in which these birds can be viewed.

Rodney Burton at 2888 Dunes Highway brought his deeds for Lot 6 and Lot 7 behind Burton Auto. The alleyway between is considered vacant land. He would like to know what he needs to do to close the alleyway. James will check into what needs to be done to close the alleyway, and who should approve this. Mr. Burton was advised to meet with Phil and about who he will need to notify of the alley closure.

The next town meeting will be Wednesday March 4th, 2020.

There is a BZA meeting scheduled for February 6th, 2020.

Claims

Vicki makes a motion to pay the claims. James seconds the motion. Approved 2-0.

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

James Prast, President

Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer