

Town of Pines Regular Meeting

February 5, 2025

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 5, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

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

2025 Position Appointments

This year the Town needs a Representative for the RDA. Tammy Watkins has been a representative to this in the past, James asks for a motion to allow Tammy to continue in this position. Vicki makes a motion to appoint Tammy to the RDA representative, Janice Seconds. Vicki votes yes, Jan votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

The Town needs 2025 appointment of officers. Janice nominates James Prast for Council President, Vicki Seconds, Janice votes yes, Vicki Votes yes, James accepts. Carried 3-0.

Vicki nominates Janice Lowe for Council Vice President, James Seconds. Vicki votes yes, James votes yes, Janice Accepts Carried 3-0.

Janice makes a motion to appoint Vicki Kuzio to Street Department Council, James Seconds. Janice votes yes, James votes yes, Vicki Accepts. Carried 3-0

All positions roll over as they were with appointments from 2024.

MINUTES

Council reviews December 27 Meeting Minutes. Janice makes a motion to approve the December Minutes, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby has closed the 2024 fiscal year for the Town.

Shelby presents and reads Ordinance 2025-02-01 Salary Ordinance for the Town of Pines. There are no changes to this from last years ordinance. There are no questions from Council. Janice makes a motion to accept the Ordinance 2025-02-01, Vicki Seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0

Gateway reports have been submitted and finalized.

Budget prep will begin in a few months.

Shelby is having printer issues, she has to contact cannon support about this.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The 2024 year ended with 274 calls. January had 22 calls. 6 in town and 16 in contract area.

STREET DEPARTMENT

52 load of leafs. Rob just picked up repaired leaf vac. Waiting for warmer weather to continue cleanup and test the vac.

We have an updated Compost Site Agreement. James explains the compost agreement. Janice makes a motion to accept the compost site agreement for 2025, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

James asks about the status of salt. Rob says we have about two and a half yards of salt.

Discussion about where to potentially get salt for this next winter. Beverly Shores, D&M, or Portage/Chesterton. Vicki will look into this.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Phil presents building permits.

Oakland electric has a permit for upgrading electrical services.

Phil has 5 hours left on his class for wetland administrator certification. It hs to be completed by June 30 for insurance,

OLD BUSINESS

Time to start planning spring cleanup. This is usually in May. We will confirm dates with Republic and the county flyer.

We have submitted our papers for road work and are preparing to plan for this for 2025. By 2026 we should possibly have completed a full repaving of the town.

James asks to review street signs for replacement again. He also asks about looking into speed warning signs that show a cars speed to deter people from speeding through side streets.

Jan asks about sending a letter to the RDA. She will write one up and send it over for James to sign and be mailed. Janice makes a motion to write a letter for the RDA appointment and joining RDA, Vicki seconds. Janice Votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen files a complaint about flooding on her property at the end of the driveway. She states that each time that they repave it gets worse. It is hazardous as large flooding and ice buildup occurs.

James and Vicki will go together to look at this area and try to come up with a solution or contact to fix this. She is advised to call 911 for any emergency help, the town is not responsible for this as it is a liability and we are not medically or professionally qualified for rescue.

CLAIMS

January 2025 claims have a motion to be paid by Janice, seconded by Vicki. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Lowe, Clerk Treasurer