

Town of Pines Meeting

July 10, 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, August 7, 2024, at 6:30 P.M.

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

MINUTES

Shelby presents the June Meeting Minutes. Janice makes a motion to approve the minutes, Vicki seconds. Janice Votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby is still working on the budget she asks for us to schedule our Budget Workshop scheduled. She requests it to be done by August 31st at the latest, Council suggests August 21th at 6:00 pm.

She is still working with the water department regarding the street repairs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had 19 Calls in June.

Rob brings up the work being done in the are to allocate funds with county LIT funds to emergency departments. The people organizing it are going to be looking to meet with towns in the future about this ongoing work and adjustments. There will be a candidacy meeting on august 22 in portage about this.

Rob talks about the need for permanent storage for the Fire Department.

STREET DEPARTMENT

The street work has started.

There is a displaced drain by the church Rob asks who is responsible for it and who do we contact to fix it.

The truck is repaired.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Phil advises everyone check their roofs and such after the recent storms.

1728 Liberty Received A Permit for New roof

1522 Indiana Received A Permit for New Siding

2913 West Dunes Received A Permit for New Roof

1541 Ardendale Received A Permit for New Roof

1555 Liberty Received A Permit for New Roof

1517 Liberty Received A Permit for New Roof

1615 Poplar Received A Permit for Street New Roof

3873 West Dunes Received A Permit for New Roof

1539 Hickory Street Received A Permit for New Roof.

Phil and Jan are still trying to set up a meeting with the Lawyer.

OLD BUSINESS

We are still waiting for the meeting with the EPA about the testing that they are redoing.

James advises you thoroughly check any work being done and ensure they will fully put your property back to what it was.

There is a meeting July 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Westchester Library.

The Town is discussing and working on a letter to join the RDA for the area with the TDD that will hopefully be able to help out with some issues and growth opportunities within the town.

James asks to check back about the Opioid funding that was received and its uses.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Murray 1620 Colorado Ave. He follows up on the dogs on 2nd place. Phil states it will be brought up with the attorney. Alan also asks about the trailers on the property. Phil is establishing a list of all trailers in the town to send everyone notices at the same time. Phil will also bring this up to the attorney. Alan asks about the root cellar being occupied. He also asks about DNA Auto property with the tires. Phil has spoken with the owner. He brings up Railroad Ave which Phil will be speaking to the attorney about.

Kent Verhage on Birch has a request to update the Town Website. Shelby is working on this actively now.

Cathi Murray 1620 Colorado asks about the fire department using the building and what happens if they lose their building they are in currently, as it is a township building. She also asks about the properties on Colorado and Idaho. James has spoken with Nipsco about these the town is still working with them to try to find out what is going on with these properties as they need to be properly handled.

Peter Dryskel asked about the NICD Property and offices being moved, he asks if we know what is going to happen to this area so we can keep 12 presentable. James states that we will be keeping in contact as they shift to the new use of this property to discuss maintaining a presentable appearance in the area.

Alan asks again about a property on 2nd about an agriculture permit from 2019. He states that this person is still doing such against code and against their denied permit. Phil states you can still have chickens and a garden per our code book. The Murrays question if they are selling these items. James states they will look into this and speak with the attorney.

CLAIMS

June Claims Presented. Janice makes a motion to accept the 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 7:40 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer