Town of Pines Meeting

June 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines, Town Council, was called to order at 6:30 PM. This meeting was held virtually via ZOOM. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. This will be a regular meeting located at the Town Hall, with restrictions. The COVID-19 Town Hall Meeting Restrictions are still in place until further notice; Masks must be worn in the Hall, Six (6) foot social distancing, and maximum occupancy of 20 people.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes from the May 5, 2021 meeting were reviewed with no corrections. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Janice, seconded by Vicki. Janice voted to accept, Vicki voted to accept, James voted to accept. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby asks what Council plans to do with the Executive Health Order ending in Indiana at the end of June 2021. Meetings will be going back to being held in person. With changes that have come to meetings being held virtually, this will enable members to join the meetings still if they are not able to physically attend the meeting. There are guidelines that are required to be met for any virtual meetings by the State. She has an ordinance for this to submit to Council and to be reviewed at the July meeting, from the template suggested by the state.

The July Meeting will be held as an open meeting with restrictions. The restrictions that have already been set for BZA meetings will stand for Council meetings as well until further notice. This is as follows: 20 people compacity in the Town Hall, Masks are required to be worn in the Hall, and 6 foot social distancing respected.

The Clerk's office now has received the Town Debit card, as well as set up the petty cash for Park Rental change.

Shelby reminds Council that it is time to start preparing for Budget for 2022. She had a class recently regarding budget. She will get more information on the American Rescue Plan Funds as well for Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Kent gives a report as Rob is unavailable. Kent states the Fire Department has had about 25 calls per month. May was a little slower, but so far they are on pace for the highest number of calls for the year at the current call rate.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Vicki states that Rob will be doing one more leaf pickup. She states he will be doing this the following week. He has also been mowing the sides of the streets that need tended to by the town. Kent will be working with him this June.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Arthur Stinulus 1555 Maple Street had a permit for a new garage being put in.

Richard Dvorscak at 1556 Main Ave had a permit for a new Shed.

Debra Hydman 1659 N 500 E had a permit for new windows.

Melissa Stump at 1620 Carolina Ave had a permit for a bathroom.

Feldco at 1618 Maple Street had a permit for window.

1509 County line will be having a 2nd letter being sent out, as they have not yet responded to Phil.

Phil also reminds everyone of the BZA meeting for June 3, 2021 at 6:00 still having restrictions of masks, 20 people compacity, and 6 foot social distancing.

OLD BUSINESS

James asks if we have any information about the Park Slide yet, Vicki states she will be looking into this further.

James asks about the Newmann Property. Phil states that he spoke with Shawn Virk, and that Dave is just slow to respond to Shawn. Phil states the next step for the Town is to take this to Court. James requests Phil contacts the lawyer about this matter.

Vicki states that she is also still looking into cameras for the Pines Park as well as the Slide. She hopes to know more by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

James states that he has been contacted by MD7, the spokesperson for AmeriTower, the Cell tower on Delaware. They offered us a buy out before, and the Town Declined. Now they are offering the Town \$5000 to put a statement in the contract, giving them the right to first refusal. It was recommended by someone to James that is it not a good choice for the Town's needs. He will be discussing this with the lawyer before Council decides.

Janice asks about the copy of the CCMG paperwork, Vicki states that she has already signed and sent them in.

James reminds that the next meeting is July 7 at 6:30 as an open meeting with restrictions at the Town Hall. Masks are required, 20 people compacity limit, and 6 foot social distancing. We will try to broadcast this on ZOOM as well for those that cannot make it. James also reminds that there is a BZA meeting regarding the property on 2nd Place. It is June 3, 2021, at 6:30 with no public comment. Restrictions are in place for this meeting as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon at 3305 West Dunes Highway asks who the correct person is to contact regarding setbacks and other zoning questions. She is advised to contract Phil for assistance or for a code book copy if she would like.

Kent asks about the home on Pine and the state of its yard and house itself. It has been unoccupied for many years. Phil tells Kent that they can discuss it tomorrow at the BZA meeting and go and look at the property.

Kent also asks if the board has heard of the changes happening to Al & Sally's. They are under new ownership, and they intend to renovate the entire hotel over the next few years. They want it to be an actual hotel not a long-term residence anymore. It will be keeping the name, but looking to update everything but try and keep it in the 50's to 60s era it is from.

Janice asks about the pines that the South Shore stated they are going to plant. James has tried to contact her multiple times, so has Shelby. Neither have received a response. James states we need a new person of contact for the South Shore then. Janice agrees and will check into that.

CLAIMS

Janice makes a motion to pay the claims, Vicki seconds the motion. Janice votes yes, Vicki Votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer