

Town of Pines Regular Meeting

March 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 April 2, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

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

MINUTES

Council reviews February 5 Meeting Minutes. Janice makes a motion to approve the February Minutes, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby has uploaded and updated the Gateway reports.

She will be updating the Website soon as well

Shelby asks about the Spring Cleanup Flyer dates, Vicki will text her about these dates.

Shelbys phone is not working. It does not recognize the sim card currently. She has to go to TMobile on her next day off. She asks if anyone else is having any tech issues. She reminds we need to be using our town emails appropriately.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

28 Calls in February. A lot relating to car accidents.

Rob states that the County is switching to a new 911 system, and they have to switch all of their radios. He has to take them to be adjusted for 19 radios.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Leaf machine is fixed. Rob is planning to start cleanups as soon as the weather permits and the ground is dry enough to dump the leaves.

Rob and Vicki are working on finding a new contact for salt still. They will reach out to a few new leads for salt and see if they are able to meet our needs or not.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Phil presents building permits.

4328 W Dunes Highway for a full house remodel with Cheryl Wilcox.

OLD BUSINESS

They county has large pickup for tires this month. This is May 9th.

James and Rob met about the flooding property on Willow. They will be stopping to talk with her to advise the next steps.

James asks if RDA paper has been mailed, Shelby states yes she mailed it the week she was given it.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Graff of Trovers Lane in South Bend. Representing the Sisters of the Holy Cross, who own property in Michigan City. 1675 East at Lewis Point. There's approximately 25 acres of property there Richard speaks of this Nipsco coal ash problem. He pushed pretty heavily after the Michigan City meeting when the EPA was there. And got them to approve a new soil sampling. They did that in December. He comes here tonight looking for a little camaraderie and to show my own support for this problem. Phil offers to try and get him information and contact for the Pines Group. We also discuss the RDA plans and hopes of assistance to work out these issues.

CLAIMS

February 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 6:50 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Lowe, Clerk Treasurer