

TOWN OF PINES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. James Prast led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were , Cathy Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Jamess Prast, Alan Murray and Janice Lowe.

MINUTES

Cathi made a motion to approve February minutes. Vicki seconded the motion, the motion was passed 3-0

2018 COMMUNITY CROSSING

Matt Keiser from Abonmarche presented the 2018 Community Crossing Quote, see attached. Matt explained how the funds are approved, and what our next steps are. Motion to approve the bid from Rieth Riley for \$65,961,20 was made by Cathi, seconded by Vicki and approved 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Reported the Annual Financial Report for the SBOA had been completed, submitted and is available for viewing through Gateway. Martin Security had completed the switch in the security program. The Town had received the annual report from the Porter Co. Animal Shelter The clerk-will attend the Upcoming State Called Meeting in Winamac on April 1.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department reported responding to 8 calls in February Michael Watkins talked about the 2019 Grant Awards the Fire Department will be receiving this year. Horizon Bank \$5,000. toward extrication equipment.loan, TransCanada Pipeline, \$5,000 Purchased 9 Unication Pagers, Firefighters Charitable Foundation \$300 to purchase new hand tools, ArcelorMittal Still Mill \$7500. combi-tool extrication tool,MCCEC Grant \$2,000 toward a LifePak1000 AED. Spring flyers must be mailed instead of handed out this year, Cathi made motion for Town to pay for postage for mailing seconded by Vicki and was passed 3-0. The council complimented Michael on the great job he is doing with the grants for the Fire Dept.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Rob has worked on the plows to upgrade the worn out parts. The water problems at the different locations were discussed.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Three building permits issued in February New furnace and air at 4482 W Dunes Hwy Electrical inspection and a permit for a new Roof

OLD BUSINESS

Bud talked with Mr. Kadlubowsdki concerning his property on Railroad Ave, he told Bud he intended

to continue cleaning the property and erect a shelter to keep his machinery in. Will meet with him later to talk about the trailers on the property and the fact there is no septic, and that Mr Kadlubowski was to talk to the County Assessors office.

Bud talked with NIPSCO regarding the repairs that is still needed to be completed Nipsco proposed that the town bid out the work, submit the estimates to Nipsco for them to pay the Town and the Town would pay the contractors. The council didn't agree with this proposal and wants Nipsco to handle the repairs. The attorney's will be contacted and told to contact Nipsco as to the repairs.

Reith Riley will be asked to look at the damaged streets caused by Nipsco.

There was a discussion for improvements to the south side of Birch St. Vicki will talk to the County to see if they would be willing to help with the So. Side of Birch St.

Mr. Newman hasn't posted the signs at his property on Hwy 12. He had told the council the signs would be posted.

A letter will be sent to the owner of the Motel on Hwy 20 in regard to the broken sign that has been broken over a year.

McCombs, owner of property on Poplar St, hasn't paid any of the fines or made improvements to the property

Property owner 1509 County Line Rd has paid the fines that were due.

Property owner at 1530 Central Ave informed Alan the tenants are being evicted and the property will be cleaned up, the \$425.00 in fines owed has not been paid.

Property owner at 1552 Colorado Ave is now in the hands of the attorney's. \$175. in fines are owed

Property owner at 3985 Hwy 20 attorney sent a letter to the Town regarding the fines that hasn't been paid of \$425.00. property to be cleaned up.

The board said Mr. Burton needs to provide documentation showing he has purchased the lot behind his property and will need to have alley vacated.

NEW BUSINESS

Cathi made a motion to appoint Ken Verhage to the BZA board, Vicki seconded the motion and was carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

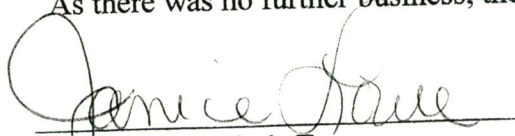
Tammy Watkins thanked Bud for attending the Pine Twp Board meeting and explaining how some tax monies are figured and the impact on residents.


Rob talked about some light issues at the Town Hall

CLAIMS

The claims for the month of March 2019 were approved with a motion by Cathi and seconded by Vicki voted on and passed 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00.


Janice Lowe, Clerk-Treasurer


James Prast, Council President