

TOWN OF PINES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 1, 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 Vicki Kuzio, Cathy Murray, Alan Murray, James Prast and Janice Lowe. Cathi made a motion to accept APRIL minutes. Vicki seconded the motion, the motion was passed 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Clerk informed council that Boyce Systems had e-mailed the Town with info in regard for the need to upgrade from our current Budget software, a meeting with a representative of Boyce has been scheduled with the clerk. Will have additional information at next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department responded to 7 calls in April. The 3rd annual Fire Department open house will be the 30th of June. Donations of around \$3000.00 had been received so far for 2019.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Dept reported leaves are being picked up and will continue until May 17. The compost leaves have been picked by Valparaiso from the Compost site. Street Lights will be checked on as some lights were reported not working. Street Dept will work with the State of Ind for the cleaning out of the plugged culvert. Ardendale continues to have problem with the water not draining. Vicki will call about the Beavers and problem culverts. Pinney St also has a water problem that needs attention, on hold until a decision is made as to what the fix would be. A new bid was received from Knoll and council agreed to have the tree at 1685 Alabama removed by them.

The fliers will be folded and mailed by Rob. Rob & Vicki will check out the current Park equipment and see what needs to be replaced or repaired.

BUILDING AND ZONING

_____The building inspector reported one code book was purchased at the new cost of \$15.00, one permit was issued and a gas inspection performed.

OLD BUSINESS

Railroad Ave was discussed in regard to condition of the road. Bud will discuss with Reith Riley possibility of using the ground pavement from street repair to Railroad Ave to improve the road until something more permanent can be done.

Bud talked to McCombs on Poplar St., he was told by McCombs the open wires will be taken care of. McCombs has not paid the \$425.00 owed for violation fines. Council is waiting for a court date for McCombs May 17th is the court date for the problem property on Colorado Ave, the owner hasn't complied with the court order. The property on Central Ave has been cleaned up and all fines paid.

The property on Hwy 20 owned by Virks has been cleaned up but Virks hasn't paid the fine. A letter was sent to from attorney. Discussion in regard to property on Railroad Ave will receive a Violations letter since he hasn't complied with the Boards request. An e-mail was promised in regard to the closed Antiquic Store on Hwy 12, but **not received**, will request an email with some explanations as to what the plans for that property is and when can the board see progress. Hickory St had a large amount of construction material in front of property that caught fire and fire dept had to respond. A letter will be sent to resident in regard to having construction material stored in front of home.

NEW BUSINESS

Bza meeting will be June 6, 2019 at 6:30

New BZA member was appointed, Art Garcia.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident voiced concern about the slide at the Pines Park of Hwy 20 still needs the slide fixed or replaced. Will request info on a Solar Light for the Park

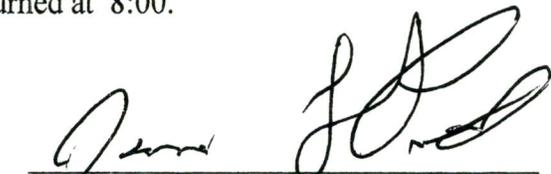
Mr. Wampler brought up his concerns for Railroad Ave., he is a resident on that street and stated that they haven't been able to have mail delivered for months due to the condition of the street. Bud told him he will talk with Rieth Riley and see what can be done to improve street,R

CLAIMS

The claims for the month of APRIL 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