

## **Town of Pines Meeting**

### **May 3, 2023**

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, June 7, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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

### **MINUTES**

Janice presents April Meeting Minutes. There are no questions from Council. Janice makes a motion to accept the minutes, Vicki Seconds. Janice votes Yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

### **CLERK TREASURER**

Shelby is out ill. Janice reports on her behalf.

She presents information on noise regulations as discussed previously.

We are still working on details for our CCMG Road work as well as the Work for the Water department. Matt is working with Chris to coordinate so that Pine street does not get paved twice.

The Water Department is planning to start work around the second week of June. The street will be paved after. The work for the Water Department has come in about \$30k under original estimate. Due to this, this would allow the Town to also pay the fees to install the pit. It would be the estimated \$2500 that each home would need to pay for a pit install. Home owners would still be responsible for plumbers to hook the water to their homes. There needs to be a meeting for to approve the payment of installing the pits for residents. James suggests May 17<sup>th</sup> this works for everyone else. This meeting will be May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department had 17 Calls.

Vicki asks if there is a Narcan program and states she has received calls of interest about this. She asked if there is anything we can offer to residents or any other local programs. Vicki will follow up to find more information on any possible programs and information we can offer to our residents.

## **STREET DEPARTMENT**

Rob has been cleaning up leaves as weather allows.

He has not done much else as not much is needed at this time.

James asks about some areas that need patching. There are areas for highway department to handle. Vicki can assist with this.

James also asks to reach out to Porter County for their speed warning machines for some time with the heavy traffic in the side streets of the Pines.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING**

The work on the Tower on Florida has finally begun. A permit was issued for this.

There is a chimney and roof repair at 1619 Maine Ave.

1541 Louisiana Ave had a permit issued.

1551 California Ave has permit for a new Roof.

Phil brings up that there is land on the northwest side of Highway 12 by the railroad that the State park/lakeshore to do, within their boundaries of protected areas/land. Janice makes a motion to allowing them to govern this section. Vicki Seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki Votes yes, James Votes yes. Carried 3-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Reminder that Large Trash Pickup is the 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May. Please refer to the flyer that was mailed out for policies and procedures for these pickup dates.

Vicki brings up an issue that she has received twice now. There is an out of town person using the Pines Park as their own garbage. A concerned resident has given Vicki the information with their Name and Address. Vicki suggests signage that indicates fines will be sent out to anyone abusing the park bin. James also asks Vicki to contact Porter County about this. Vicki suggests to instead send them a letter. Council agrees.

James brings up the ADA compliance needs. Janice asks Phil to work on this with her so this can be handled so we are in compliance. They also discuss the need to repair and make the outdoor bathrooms safe and accessible.

Janice brings up the Noise regulation information regarding semis and jaybreaking. She asks council to review and to be prepared to discuss at the June Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David brings up concerns about a lot of trash build up along roadways. He states this is near the junk shop. He often walks his dog and is concerned about broken bottles and glass and debris. He states whoever cuts the grass just runs over everything and leaves a mess. James informs him that the homeowners are responsible for trash along their yards and properties. If he has concerns of people drinking in areas they should not be, he needs to contact porter county sheriffs.

A concern is also brought to the attention of Council again about Alex on second place dogs. They are again often running at large and have gone after other residents and children. A resident complains of their child nearly being bitten.

**CLAIMS**

Janice makes a motion to pay the May 2023 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 7:15 P.M*

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James Prast, President

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Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer