

May 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Cathi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, James Prast, Alan Murray, and Jessica Ann Murray. James made a motion to accept the April minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Clerk Treasurer

Vicki made a motion to change the June meeting to June 8th. James seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Building and Zoning

There were two permits issued last month. One gas inspection and one electric meter. Alan contacted an electrical contractor about solar light panels for the park but does not have any information about the details. More information will be available in a couple weeks. The dollar general property owners wanted information about the removal of arsenic from their property. At the last BZA meeting the three flat property was given permission to go continue to be ran as a three flat. Work for the picnic shelter has begun and the floor is ready to be poured in. Prices for the picnic tables for the shelter were researched and brought. Three tables were priced at \$3,065. Vicki made a motion to order the tables. James seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. The election people broke the door again when going in and out of the building.

Street Department

Rob put out street flyers for the leaf pickup including what not to mix in with the leaves. We need to rent the chipping machine and woodchips for the playground have been ordered. Walnut street does not have a street sign and neither does second place. The culvert on Illinois was checked and both are running there is just a problem with beavers. The driveway on St. Johns that was washed out is cleaned up and all the leaves picked up.

Old Business

The dogs on California are still being a nuisance. James talked to Animal Control and was told that if any more problems occurred to call animal control immediately and take a picture. A list of all of their issues will try to be put together and the town attorney will be contacted to see what kind of action can be taken. There has been complaints about a homeowner on Colorado. The health department has been contacted and the attorney has written a letter. The EPA rep was threatened when taking samples from the property and will not continue to do any work unless there is police protection. There is just a few more items to work out on NIPSCO access agreement. James made a motion to hold a special meeting to discuss this and other items on the 18th provided everyone is ready, if not then the 25th. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Cathi received an email from the Pine Township Trustee stating that as of July the Township will no longer provide the Town with fire protection. The attorney will be contacted and he will have information on the Town's responsibility for this issue. After much discussion, James made a motion to have the attorney provide the legal background work for creating a fire department. James also made a motion to support the Townships effort to obtain a fire truck. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Public Comments

Leaves will be starting to get picked up again. There is a branch hanging from a tree on Ardentale and the owner of the property will be contacted to remove. Diana Lawrence voiced her concern about another pit-bull attack from the green house on 2nd place. Animal control was called and reports were made and will continue to do so until a list of violations is built up.

Claims

James made a motion to pay the claims and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.
As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Jessica Ann Murray, Clerk Treasurer

Cathi Murray, Council President