

Town of Pines Meeting

November 2, 2022

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, December 7, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

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

MINUTES

Shelby presents October Meeting Minutes as well as Budget Adoption Hearing 2023 Minutes. James made a motion to accept the minutes, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby presents Ordinance no 2022-06-01-03 Ordinance of the Town of Pines pertaining to public parking and public right-of-way along Highway 12 as requested by INDOT. INDOT will follow up and enforce this ordinance through the Town of Pines. There are no questions or concerns from council. James makes a motion to accept Ordinance 2022-06-01-03 for the right of way regulations. Vicki seconds this. James votes yes, Vicki votes yes, Janice votes yes. Carried 3-0.

Shelby is still working on the project with the Water Department for the ARPA Funds. She is waiting for a response with more information regarding this.

Nothing has been received back for the 2023 Budget at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has 31 Calls.

The fire department has taken a 5 year loan for the new Cascade system that they are having installed.

The Fire Department also has their Lukas device. They received a \$8000 grant for this and a secondary grant for \$7500 to also go towards this thanks to Mike.

Janice asks if it might be a possibility that Pine Township would lease their current building to them while waiting for the new building to be built.

Vicki thanks the Fire Department for their patrolling on Halloween Trick or Treating, as Porter Sheriff's Office once again did not show up for patrols.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Rob has been working hard on leaf pickup. The new blower housing is working well on the vac.

Gryffin started working with Rob for leaf season. He will be assisting him when needed.

Vicki reports that she has written and email to the South Shore about the truck traffic and resident complaints. She has not yet gotten a reply from this situation. She will update when she has an answer.

Phil stated that they did contact him about the increase in traffic coming up due to needing heavier machinery. The issue is that they are frequenting the side streets, not just the highways as they should. There is no need for them to be on side residential streets with this equipment.

Shelby also state that they are supposed to remove the cost of the painting by ODP as they did not paint our blower housing as ordered.

Janice drove down where areas were fixed on Rail Road. She states that there is no washout currently and the road is in a much better condition.

BUILDING AND ZONING

1671 500 E Permit for Montano Roofing.

4112 Pine Street for a sunroom by Bob the Builder.

Municode requests updated ordinances.

Jon's is going to remove the trees, by the time they were able to, the Patinos have pushed all of the branches and logs into the swamp and Jon's cannot remove them as they are on Patino property now.

James questions a large, long on the middle of Pinney that was pushed across the road. He asks to check this for clean up as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Shelby brings up our ADA compliance and need for a new Refrigerator that is compliant with their regulations. Rob and Shelby will measure the space and find options to present to council.

James state that there is a tree leaning in an alleyway at about a 45 degree angle on Idaho between Mrs. Weedles and Hwy 12. He asks for this to be checked and potentially handled before it is an issue. Phil will reach out to Jon. Someone mentions a tree on 2nd place too. He will also have him check this tree.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Lombardini Mateja introduced herself and that she is running for Porter County Council.

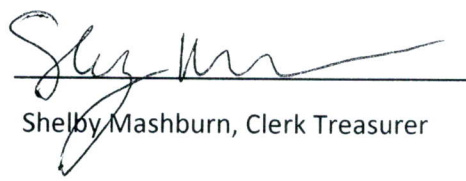
CLAIMS

Janice makes a motion to pay the October 2022 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 7:10 P.M



James Prast, President



Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer