

TOWN OF PINES TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

November 6, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30pm. Bud led the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Bud Prast, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Alan Murray, and Janice Lowe. Cathi made a motion to accept the October minutes.. Vicki seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Bud thanked everyone for voting in the November election.

Clerk Treasurer

Clerk Treasurer mentioned the annual renewal of the software was due to be signed and paid to Boyce Systems. A letter was received from the current security company, ABC Security that they have sold the business to PerMar security and PerMar would be the towns new service provider. The trip to Wabash In for the annual user meeting with Boyce systems was discussed with the clerk commenting on the new updates for 2019. Cathi inquired about the 2019 budget and Jan reported that everything had been submitted but was not approved yet.

Building and Zoning

Three permits were issued, Brown Rd for a garage, Colorado Ave a new roof and 3140 W Dunes Hwy for a new roof..

Fire Department

No one present to report.

Street Department

Vicki reported the Community Crossing Grant had been approved for \$63,000.00 for 2019. A new contract with Abonmarche will need to be approved and signed. Salt and Sand will be picked up this month by Clyde. New brackets have been ordered for Stop Signs. Discussed the need for Title 6 and ADA to be implemented and a coordinator appointed. Cathi will talk to the attorney in regard to ADA Ordinance. Leaves are currently being picked up by the street dept.

Old Business

Building at 520 and Hwy 20, the son of the owner is working with a engineer in regard to the needs of the property, he said he will have a report, Alan said he could possibly be at next meeting. Alan and Bud talked to Nipsco in regard to repairs still to be completed including the repairs to streets. Nipsco will pay for repairs to property but the town would have to hire someone for these repairs Marv was ask for a quote to repair stain on front of building.

In regard to the property NIPSCO was deeding to the town the attorney has suggested a Title search be done first, it was agreed on to have the attorney handle that.

Attorney Blankenship will be filing the necessary paperwork on the Colorado Ave Property in regard to the condition of the property.

Bud reported he had checked the location of the trailer on the Burton property and it was 98 percent on Burtons property. He ask the motion that had been tabled at a previous meeting be voted on, Vicki made motion to allow the trailers to stay on property Cathi seconded the motion and motion was passed 2-1. Cathi suggested to Rodney that he apply to have the alley vacated to avoid future problems.

Bud read a letter from resident on Railroad Ave in regard to the trailers on his property and the use of his property. Resident needs to talk to Porter Co Assessor's office. as requested by Assessor, Bud said this needs to happen before any decision could be made.

New Business

No new business

Public Comments

Resident reported slide at park on Hwy 20 is in need of repair, also part of Birch St is in need of repair work. Resident also commented on the signage over Hwy 20 confusing drivers looking for Hwy 520 and turning on Birch St. Requested asking State to reconsider the placement of signs or better information in regard to turning on 520.

Resident commented on the property in front of Town Building regarding standing water, Bud explained it was due to type of fill used.

Concern was voiced by resident in regard to Motel sign still in need of repair or removal, Alan will try to get address or phone number of owner to follow up with them.

Information was requested for guidelines for installing a fence, Alan was able to answer those questions and what would be needed if they needed a variance.

Resident from Second Place discussed the need to remove a tree on Town property, Rob will be contacted to look at tree and make recommendation.

Discussion on the problems with flooding on Ardendale Ave and what could be done about the ongoing problem. Bud will talk to National Lakeshore

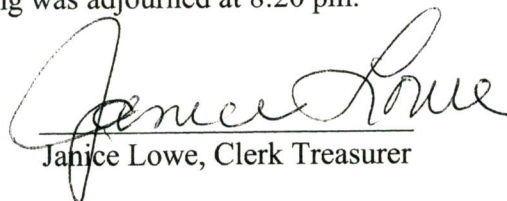
They are speed limit signs missing from St Johns St., and resident is concerned because of all the speeding on St John.

Comment on not being able to access minutes, webmaster will have conversation with clerk in regard to better communication.

CLAIMS Cathi made motion to pay claims, Vicki seconded, carried 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.


James Prast, Council President


Janice Lowe, Clerk Treasurer