

**TOWN OF PINES
COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Bud led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Vicki Kuzio, James Prast, Alan Murray and Cathi Murray.

Minutes

Vicki made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Cathi with a correction of the date. Carried 3/0.

BUILDING AND ZONING

No permits or inspections to report for October. BZA meeting that was scheduled for November 7, 2019 has been cancelled.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rob Watkins brought council up to date on the problem of the department not having enough radios. The fire department currently only have 7. The cost of each radio is \$3255.00. Cathi suggested to have a conversation with county regarding why this fire department wasn't given enough radios as it seems other departments were supplied with the necessary new radios. 6 calls for the month of October for Town of Pines 6 Pine Twp Calls.

The fire dept received a grant for \$87,000 for new self contained breathing apparatus. A Hazmat Operations State Cert course was held with 6 people passing the state exam, and everyone in the dept now has their certification. Michael is currently doing an instructor course that will end on Dec. with 5 members taking it.

The fire dept has moved into Twp. Fire Station and are running two trucks plus a tanker and brush truck. Continuing to work on additional grants for the upcoming year.

STREET DEPT

The street dept has been working on picking up leaves, County Line to Maine St. has been done, will continue with weather permitting

Porter Co. has come and put compost in a pile and haul it away week of November 11.

Rob reported the bed on the Ford dump truck has holes and needs to be replaced, he has an estimate for \$11,000.00 to replace it. Estimate is attached.

The culverts on Ardendale and Illinois is working fine at this time.

Discussed cold patch for roads such as Ardendale.. Discussion if 911 should be called when a tree is down and blocking a road, Rob will check into it.

Claude will pick up salt and sand for the town.

Old BUSINESS

A person has been hired to work on Railroad Ave by yard 520. The County as offered to take 3 trees down and fix covering on road, a belly grater was used to make the road wider. The road grater is to finish the job, it is still rough. In the spring the County will chip and seal for \$11,000.00 It is approved to pay Mr. Kolasa for the work he completed on Railroad ave. Mr. Newman was not present for any updates with the property at 520 and Hwy 12. The Town is to request a heavier fence. Lawyer will be contacted to start procedure to declare an unsafe building.

In regard to the home of 2nd Place, the notification of septic was not received. The owner contacted the Health Dept on Tues. as there was a problem with the paperwork and should be taken care of by next week. Resident said the trailer will be moved. He is to secure the septic permit, then apply for a building permit and then he can request permission to have trailer on property for 6 months to store building supplies while completing project.

A first letter for violation will be sent.

BZA meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENTS

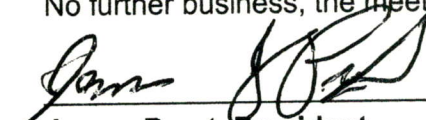
Marving Gunther asked about the progress of the Boat Yard on Hwy 12. Alan updated as to the progress and what was to be completed.


Sylvia at 1659 California reported that the East side of the street did not get recycling picked up. A call will be made in regard to the problem and information on how to contact the Garbage Service will be put on the website

CLAIMS

Cathi made a motion to pay the claims and was seconded by Vicki. Carried 3/0.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned


James Prast, President


Janice Lowe, Clerk/ Treas