

October 4, 2011

A meeting was called and duly advertised for 6:30 p.m. on October 4, 2011 to appoint two new members to our BZA. Cathi Murray, George Adey and Sandra Hall were in attendance. Vicki was absent.

Cathi made a motion to appoint Alan Pitts and Diana Lawrence to the BZA, George seconded the motion. (She made this motion after passing the gavel to George Adey). The motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

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The budget adoption meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Cathi Murray. Cathi Murray, George Adey and Sandra Hall were in attendance. Vicki was absent due to illness. George made a motion to adopt the 2012 budget and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. As there was no further discussion on the budget.

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The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Cathi Murray. Cathi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were Cathi Murray, George Adey, Sandra Hall, and Alan Murray. Vicki was absent due to illness.

George made a motion to accept September meeting minutes and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

Clerk-Treasurer

Sandra explained that the Town of Pines was a victim of a Scam and that the attorney was advising her on what to do.

Sandra had a "Thank you" card for the Council to sign for Jerry Gifford at RJ Imports for giving the Town of Pines a Framed news clipping to hang in the new Town Hall.

Building and Zoning Administrator

Alan issued three permits this month. Alan reported that Mr. Bodine is cleaning up the property on Maine Street very nicely. There is a tree on Maine Street that is on Town property and may need to be removed. George made a motion to table the removal of tree to next meeting. Dan is getting an estimate on removing this tree.

Pumps on 12 building and grounds have been boarded up and cleaned up. There is one window on the patio that still needs to be boarded or secured. Alan will keep the Council posted. The punch list for the new Town Hall is to be completed before a final payment is issued. Cable was left for the Town to use to hook up internet to the meeting desk.

George thought it would be better to get wireless for the meetings.

Alan got an estimate on poles for the Birch Street park of \$1,776.00 for the poles to be 4' apart center to center of poles.

George made a motion to go ahead and accept the estimate of \$1,776.00 for the poles and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

Cathi made a motion to table the bid from Marv on the new picnic shelter until next year. George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Street Department

Cathi reported that Rob would like a back pack leaf blower for the Town Street Department. The cost is around \$499.99. George made a motion to allow Rob to purchase the back pack leaf blower and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0. Rob feels that the garage needs new fire extinguishers so the Council will give Rob permission to purchase as many as the garage needs to keep it up to code and to be safe. Alan will be getting bids for a new garage door to be installed on the north side of the Town garage. We need this before the picnic shelter. Our parking lot needs to be resealed and the handicapped parking to be painted better. Rob will get bids. Dan talked to the Railroad and they will look into the problem on Railroad Ave to see if it is their problem. Vicki will keep us posted.

Old Business

George made a motion to allow Sandi to sign the new contract with Able Disposal as soon as the wording is fixed. Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

Cathi made a motion, after passing the gavel to George, to accept the SEH contract of \$12,500.00 to do the RDA Grant, George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0. Loreli Weimer said that Porter decided not to use the tagline "Gateway to the Dunes" so the Council decided to use it for the Town of Pines

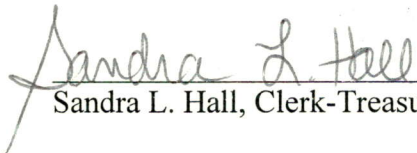
New Business

The Verhages repaired and repainted the Pines Park sign. The Town of Pines Town Council would like to "Thank the Verhages on behalf of the whole Town for their time and money in repairing and repainted the sign at the Pines Park on Birch Street."

Public Comments

Mr. Ralph Richardson wanted to Thank the Town Council for taking care of the tree on Walnut. Jackie Henry voiced her concerns about our Town of Pines Animal Control Ordinance. She feels that it is not hard enough on keeping vicious dogs from running loose. She feels that our leash law needs to be tougher. The Council informed her that we cannot make it harder than Porter County's Ordinance because the Animal Control Officer and the Porter County Police Department can only enforce it if it is the same as the County's.

George made a motion to pay the claims and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0. As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer


Cathi Murray, Council President