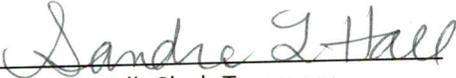


September 3, 2014

The Town of Pines Town Council held their budget hearing at The Town of Pines Town Hall at 1519 Delaware Street, Pines, Michigan City, Indiana 46360. The hearing was called to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio and Sandra Hall. All that was discussed was the 2015 Budget and no votes were taken and no decisions were made.


Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer


George Adey, Council President

September 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. George Adey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Sandra Hall and Alan Murray. Cathi made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the August 6 and August 13, 2014, Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer

The insurance company says that the Town of Pines does not have coverage on the signs. Next signs we purchase we can add it then. A man plugged into the electric at the Town of Pines Town Hall without permission and he came to the clerk-treasurer to pay for this. He paid \$20.00. RDA grant reimbursement will be reflected in the appropriation report when Sandra reenters the receipt. Sandra called about what is included in the minutes and Sandra is not to write a journal. The minutes is the business of the Town. No comments from residents to resident are to be included in the minutes. And no answers from a Council member to any person of the public will be included unless it comes to a vote. Sandra read letters for Gene's Sewer & Septic Services written on their behalf for driving in the town.

Building and Zoning Administrator

Two permits were issued this month and one gas meter inspection was done with no charge because they have a current building permit for remodeling issued to them.

Cathi first wanted to say that she feels that this is the kind of business that we would like to have in the Town of Pines and that we are not here to try to make everything expensive and impossible for them but would like them to address the dust problem from the parking area addressed as soon as possible. Green Farms presented a letter of Waiver of Municipal Liability for Class IV/Private Drive and Cathi made a motion to accept the waiver upon the approval of the Town lawyer and that the Town Council will reevaluate everything in one year and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Alan has a copy of the driveway permit and the septic permit from the county for Green Farms. Cathi asked the representative from Green Farms if they are going to pave the parking lot and he said not right away due to money but they plan on paving it in one year. Cathi then made a motion for Green Farms to use the best dust free gravel product on their driveway and parking lot until they are able to pave it. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Street Department

Pot holes thru out the Town have been filled. Tree that was eaten up from ants has been cut down and taken care of. The Town received an email complaint about the Pine Park. The complaint was about several issues that keep coming up about this Park. 1. The litter – there are no trash cans at this park because people keep stealing them. 2. People with cars that have Illinois plates have been coming and pulling their cars into the grass all the way up to the shelter even with the signs that say no motorized vehicles in the park. 3. People are building a camp fire in the middle of the shelter in the gravel. 4. People are not cleaning up after their dogs. 5. The sign that says please clean up after your animals is laying on the ground. The Town Council says that the only thing that can be done about the people

driving their cars into the park is to call the Porter County Sheriff's Department. Same if you see someone burning logs in the shelter or any other suspicious activity. Vicki will look into bolted down trash can that lock for the shelter. As far as their suggestion of ordering a dumpster that is too expensive for the Town and then that creates a problem with people dumping things that are not allowed in the dumpsters and also people just thinking they can just start dumping things there. Also, children climbing into it and getting hurt would be a liability for the Town. Rob will put the signs back up. The Parks are all our responsibility and we need to call the Sheriff any time we see anything not right. As for the purchasing of a new truck Rob thinks that the best one for the Town and for the value is the 2015 F-250 from Sauers Ford and Lincoln. Cathi made a motion for Sandra Hall to purchase the 2015 F-250 with the Plow from Sauers Ford and Lincoln and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Sandra will go with Rob to make sure it is the correct truck and sign the papers. Sauers Ford and Lincoln is located at 3930 South Franklin SE, Michigan City, IN 46360.

Old Business

Our attorney has tried several times to reach the Amazing Cars owners attorney and has not been able to do so, therefore, the Council had voted at the last meeting to impose a fine starting August 21, 2014 if we could not get a response by then. The issues with Amazing Cars are still not resolved and therefore, the fines are to be put in place. George passed the gavel to Cathi and then made a motion to have our Town Attorney file a complaint and law suit to recuperate the attorney fees spent by the Town on this and to impose fines. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0. Cathi recused herself from voting.

New Business

None

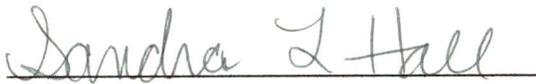
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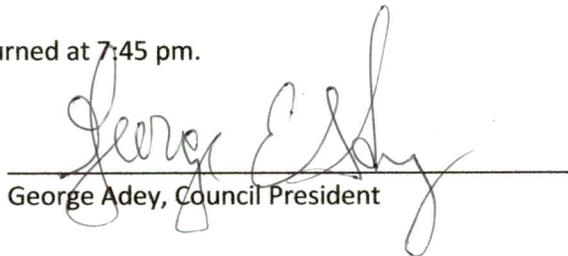
Loukia informed the Council that the little seesaw in the Pines Park has been pulled completely out of the ground concrete and all. Vicki will have Rob look at it and fix it. Also, Loukia would like us all to look over the Town website and make sure she has everything and to make sure all the links are working. Loukia, also, informed the Town Council of a very serious happening in the Pines Park. Not sure of the date but a women was beaten pretty badly at about 2:00 in the afternoon in the Pines Park. May have been a domestic dispute but it still happened in the park. The women would not let anyone call the police. We really need everyone to keep their eyes on our parks and call the police if there is anything suspicious. A resident came to inform the Council of a tree at 1685 Alabama Ave that is dead and is leaning toward his garage. He believes it is the Town of Pines tree and would like the Town to check on this and take care of it if it is. Vicki will have Rob look into this.

Claims

Vicki made a motion to pay the claims and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.


Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer


George Adey, Council President