

# **Town of Pines Meeting**

## **September 4, 2024**

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, October 2, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. The budget meeting will be held October 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

James led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were James Prast, Janice Lowe, Vicki Kuzio, and Phil Orlando.

## **MINUTES**

Council reviews July and August Meeting Minutes. Janice makes a motion to approve the July Minutes, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

Janice makes a motion to approve the August Minutes, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

## **Cathi Murray- EPA Info**

Cathi presents information about the meeting coming up with the EPA.

She brings up the removal of coal combustion waste on Illinois Ave, the 2 buildings on the old Campion property owned by NIPSCO and their clean up. Dan Sullivan states they are working on getting contracts with it. The goal is to negotiate with them to adjust their studies by adding to the samples they have and adjusting the information they have appropriately. That we need to ensure safe soil at residents homes and our parks. Cathy gave council a copy of a letter to the EPA.

## **CLERK TREASURER**

Shelby presents that we had our budget hearing before the meeting.

Shelby spoke to Chris at the water department about the washing out on Poplar Street. They will make one more repair as detailed in the letter sent to Shelby by Chris. We will keep an eye on this.

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Fire Department didn't have their numbers for the month. They did go to a LIT Tax meeting. Tami explains how the lit tax currently is set up and the statistical numbers with council. These funds would help in many different ways to the department without a noticeable difference in tax changes.

## **STREET DEPARTMENT**

7 trees fell during the last storm.

People are dumping on Amtrack on Railroad Ave. We need to contact Amtrack to get this cleaned up as we cannot legally go on the tracks to remove the items.

We need to find out how to dispose of railroad ties.

Vicki asks about the garage door opener. Rob said it is ordered already.

## **BUILDING AND ZONING**

Permit for Current Electric at 4408 W Dunes Hwy.

Permit for PG Electric 3985 for service and electric.

Permit for New Roof at 1685 Alabama

Permit for Marvs Construction 2752 W Dunes for house remodel

Phil states they have met with the Attorney regarding parking on state property for DNA Auto, Bills Auto, Pyramid Metal, Joe and Freddie's, and the bike Shop.

2872 2<sup>nd</sup> place the attorney says it is hard to bring to court and does not recommend the town fights that as it was approved already.

Animal Control not fulfilling Contract. He recommends that we contact county they need to be issuing these fines.

Semi Trailers 2872 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1579 Walnut, 1580 Maple, all have semis in their yard. If council wants to do so we will send letters to them. These are semi trailers for storage.

2702 W Dunes is being cleaned up and people have been evicted and will continue to do so.

Jan asks about repairing and remodeling the park bathroom. Phil says we will get back to trying to find someone to do this work.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

James advises if anyone has NIPSCO testing or work done to ensure they replace your soil with sand type that is there already not a clay sand mixture as water will pool and seep with this.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A resident from Countyline across from the house that has had the cleanup and evictions. He complains of trash blowing into his and his neighbors yards as well as Chris's appearance of his yard. Phil explains the issues and how they have been handled. Council tells them they need to contact County Sherriffs if they are seen there.

Alex at 2877 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. He wants an explanation of why his dogs are an issue. Shelby explains the leash law and what that means. She also provides him a copy of this ordinance within the county and highlights all of the important and key points as to what they need to be contained.

## **CLAIMS**

September 2024 claims have a motion to be paid by Jan, seconded by Vicki. Jan votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

*As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M*

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James Prast, President

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Shelby Lowe, Clerk Treasurer