

September 5, 2018 The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Bud led us in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, James Prast, Alan Murray, and Janice Lowe.

Clerk Treasurer

Presented the budget for 2019 for a total of \$243,970.00. Cathi made motion to approve. Seconded by Vicki, carried 3-0.

Minutes

Cathi made a motion to approve the minutes, Vicki seconded the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Fire Department

7 EMS calls, 2 car accidents. The Fire Dept is working on several grants and will participate in the Trick or Treat in the Pines.

Building and Zoning

2 permits were issued, and 1 electrical inspection completed.

Street Department

The leaf machine needs repairs. Discussion in regard to planning a meeting with NIPSCO.

Old Business

Bud had a Meeting with Mr. Burton concerning the location of trailer and Mr. Burton agreed to relocate the trailer. Bud made motion to allow him to keep trailer on property, no second on the motion, the Board wants the trailer moved before approving the motion.

Railroad Ave property owner hasn't sent letter to Board concerning the use and plans for his property, 2nd violation letter to be sent after motion by Cathi and 2nd by Vicki voted 3-0. Bud and Alan to visit property,

The owners of Motel at 520 and Hwy 20 continuing to work with insurance regarding broken sign.

Discussion regarding ;property belonging to Dave Newman, the former Antique Store, and his plans to repair and fence the property. A letter will be sent to Mr.Newman asking him to attend a meeting

The ;property at 1602 Poplar St still has a unsafe electrical wire on ground, motion by Cathi to send second letter with fine 2nd by Vicki carried 3-0.

Owner of property located on Hwy 20 West of Hwy 520 said he had talked to renter of property regarding the parking of cars, the renters of the business has not complied and the problem continues. A violation letter to be sent to Virks, owner of property, 1st notice . Motion by Cathi 2nd by Vicki, carried by 3-0.

Property owner on Colorado Ave has been sent 3 letters with a \$25.00 fine. He has until Sept. 25,2018 to comply. The next step will be another letter or turn over to the Attorney. Bud will send letter and have discussion with attorney.

Letter to be sent to 1509 County Line RD regarding cleaning up property

1530 Central Ave in regarding the condition of property and the continued of burning daily, the owner of the property has assured the town that the property will be cleaned up and the burning will stop.

New Business

Alan discussed that the current security company for the cameras and alarm has not been responding to the towns needs in a timely manner, he will get quotes from other companies and report to the council.

Bud reminded everyone of the upcoming election and everyone should make sure you are registered to vote.

Flyers for Trick or Treat and leaf pick up will be printed.

Reminder for everyone to lock cars as unlocked cars have had items stolen lately.

Public Comments

Tammy Watkins, Columbia Ave made comments in regard running for Township Trustee. Resident living on Central Ave said they were making a effort to clean up the wood at their house and would discontinue burning.

Mrs. Chapman made comments about a town wide garage sale. Will check into it for 2019 There was a report of hearing gunshots close to County Line Rd.

Claims

Cathi made a motion to pay claims, Vickii seconded. Motion was approved 3-0.

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


Bud Prast, President


Janice Lowe, Clerk Treasurer