

September 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Cathi Murray led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, James Prast, Alan Murray, and Janice Lowe. James made a motion to accept the August minutes. Vicki seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Clerk Treasurer

Update on the progress of bringing the office current on all taxes and balancing. Will continue to work with CPA firm.

Building and Zoning

There were three permits taken out this month. Home on Birch St remodel and new roof, Remodel and new roof at W Dunes Hwy and an additional permit for Birch St Maintenance building completed. Alan continuing to try to find an agency to help resident of Colorado Ave with cleanup of property. Bud will have a conversation with him concerning his cooperation with the process. He has told the board he is 100% disabled and unable to handle the cleanup.

Fire Department

Received five calls in August. Has applied for grant to repay loan for extracting equipment. DNR has donated equipment to fire department. 3 additional people have joined with a total of 14. Kingsford Fire Dept. has made a donation of supplies. Senator Tallen is helping in securing funds for new radios that is required to be updated.

Street Department

Coal bins have been assembled, and will be installed. Bud has a meeting scheduled with Rleth Riley to review the work on the streets. Vicki reported the inspection on compost was good with no problems reported. Needs assistance with info needed for composting file. Approval for purchase of additional Street Signs was tabled, more information needed regarding if funds are available.

Old Business

Burton's have failed to appear before BZA to apply for variance.

New Business

First reading of new ordinance was introduced. Ordinance would increase BZA fee to \$250.00 to cover expenses of process.

Public Comments

Gary Lawrence questioned if the increase for BZA is inline with other towns. Questioned the zoning on Hwy 12. If the Whitey Warden He was also concerned about the use of the Whitey Warden Park. Marv Guenther commented on the stop sign on Maine & 20, was advised that would be a question for INDOT. Resident at 1691 Ardendale Ave wanted information about

water being installed at his area. Was given information regarding no plans to extend the municipal water to that area at this time.

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

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Janice Lowe, Clerk-Treasurer

Cathi Murray, Council President