

April 4, 2012

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

Clerk-Treasurer

Sandra asked if she should pay the SEH bills? Cathi made a motion to have Sandra pay all the SEH bills, Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Street Department

There has been no dumping where the cameras have been installed, but now people are dumping on the West side of Railroad Ave. George would like to contact the County to see if they would support the Town in putting up a fence on Railroad Ave so that there could be no thru traffic. If they would not support us in this then George will ask them to come and clean up their portion of Railroad Ave. Ardendale culvert is completely blocked and Vicki wants to get a bid from Jakab to come and clean it out again. Alan wants to inform the EPA first because the culvert was broken when the water was put through the Town. The Ford truck has a leak and Dan will fix this and the tractor. There have been lots of calls about leaves and the leaf box is on the truck now so the men will begin picking up the leaves.

Building and Zoning Administrator

One permit was issued to Verizon.

The Murray's took pictures of the Dobkin's property to show that he is accumulating a lot of junk around his place again. George will try talking to him about this before the Council has to take action. Verizon wants to put up a cable TV dish on the Birch street cell tower. The property at 1535 Louisiana is cleaned up and secure. Alan will notify the responsible party of any additional steps they need to take on this property. The property at 1589 Maine will be tabled until we hear from the owner. Someone was asking about a liquor license for the old Pumps on restaurant. We will address this in the comprehensive plan. Alan will be getting 3 bids on repaving the Town Hall parking lot.

Old Business

Marv will honor his bid from last September on the new picnic shelter. The Council will meet with Marv on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6:15 to pick the best place to place the new shelter. Marv said that he will have the shelter done approximately 3 weeks after starting. Cathi made a motion to accept Marv's bid, Vicki seconded it and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. George followed up on the complaint about the lack of response by the sheriff's department. A complaint about loud music was responded to but the sheriff's department did not call the person that complained back so they thought that there was no response. Marv's complaint is being dealt with. There will be a National Lakeshore Service Workshop on the 11th of this month at 6:30 p.m.

The RDA Grant is looking good.

New Business

George asked the Council about what we intended to do regarding renting the New Town Hall out for parties. The Council has decided that it would only be used for community meetings and Town function. This is to protect the New Town Hall from damage. George received some complaints about the yield sign at the intersection of 520 and Highway 12. This yield sign is being ignored. Also, the yield sign at the intersection of

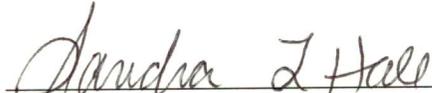
530 and highway 20 is a problem because if you yield at that sign then people are in danger of being rear-ended. George is going to call the state transportation department on these matters of concern. George attended a Economic Seminar at Purdue and he feels that we need a Economic Development committee. Also, he learned that the Town could be getting .15% on every tax abatement we give each year. George will try to get more information on this.

Public Comments

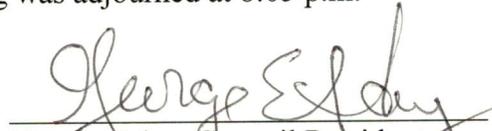
Ken Verhage asked about an ordinance to protect the Town from any strip clubs or any other questionable establishment coming into the Town limits. This will be addressed in our new comprehensive plan. The problem with sandburs were mentioned. The Street Department has tried to kill these sandburs but we cannot use anything stronger since the parks are for children. Also, the Picnic tables are in bad shape at the Pines Park. The Council will deal with this after we finish the Wardean Park.

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

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer



George Adey, Council President