

April 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Cathi Murray. Cathi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: Cathi Murray, George Adey, Sandra Hall, Alan Murray and Dan Fries. Vicki Kuzio was absent.

George made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

George made a motion to change the order of business for this night only and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

Porter County Tourism

Lorelei Weimer gave a presentation on the goals of Porter County Tourism and how the communities can help. Also, she went over the branding of each Community and how we can use this to promote our Town when tourists are in the area. The Town of Pines brand is the Retro 50's look.

Clerk-Treasurer

Sandra read the funds received. Sandra read Ordinance 2010-4-7 regarding Building Permit fees and Meter inspection fees. George made a motion to accept Ordinance 2010-4-7 on the first reading and Cathi seconded the motion and as there was no discussion the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

George made a motion to sign the Rieth-Riley 2010 Payment Agreement and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

Building and Zoning Administrator

The cell Tower on Birch Street is still without a carrier on it and Alan called and Verizon is now waiting for money and expect to be on there by fall. The owners of the property on 520 have until May 12th to clean up. They have begun siding on the house, but no other clean up has taken place.

Alan has been checking into getting Railroad Avenue surveyed so that rezoning can begin. George made a motion for Alan to check with E.J. Hutson in Chesterton to see if they have the legal description of Railroad Avenue and if they can do it for less than \$175.00 if not then Alan can go to Doyle in Michigan City. Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

The attorney is working on finding out why the Town did not get the money from the lien on the Nespo property when it sold.

The Queally's came to address the concerns that the Council had about no fire safety equipment in the plans for their building. The Queally's have plans to install pull stations with horns and strobe lights and the system will call the fire station automatically. They are just using a different company and that is why they were not on the drawings.

Street Department

Birch Street/Railroad Avenue is now finished where there are houses. The road looks good and should hold up for a long time.

Dan presented proposals for getting the Bridge on County Line Road fixed. The George made a motion to accept Jakab Falatovics Construction's proposal. Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

New Business

John Hall presented the Council with 8 options of preliminary drawings of a new Town Hall building. The Council reviewed them and agreed on option 7. The Council is looking into building a new Town Hall because the old Town Hall would be turned into a bigger garage to house all the Town's equipment. Some of the equipment is being stored outside and as vandalism has been getting worse around the Town we would like to get all our equipment into the garage. John will work on getting elevations for the building so that we can present them to an architect.

Claims

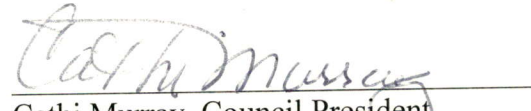
George made a motion to pay the claims and Cathi seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 2-0.

Public Comments

None

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


Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer


Cathi Murray, Council President