

**August 1, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Sandra Hall, Alan Murray. Cathi made a motion to accept the minutes from June 27 with a correction written under "Old Business" correcting SHE with SEH, Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Clerk-Treasurer**

The 2013 Budget hearing will be on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. and the 2013 Budget adoption will be on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. We received a call from Aleesha Brown with the State on our Compost site stating that our license ran out in March of last year. This is the first time that we heard anything about this. This was all done by Don Reboy and so we did not know that we needed to renew our license every 5 years. Vicki will take care of this.

**Street Department**

Stop signs on E. Johns Street have been replaced. Vicki reported that the gate on Railroad Ave. is gone again. Rob will be purchasing another gate by the next meeting. The town has a dumpster for the garbage collected around town. Chipper is still down, but Rob is going to get an estimate on having it fixed. A tree that our camera was mounted in has fallen in a storm so Rob will have to remount it and he will get new batteries for it, too. Playground mulch was delivered. Cathi made a motion to go ahead and pay for the mulch and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. The park benches arrived and Rob will be working on putting them up in the park. Beaver dam on Ardendale was cleaned out. Rob will give Vicki a road report on which roads need our attention first. Vicki will be working on ways to let the residence of our Town have some of the good dirt from our compost site. The gutter on the maintenance building is smashed and needs repair or replaced.

**Building and Zoning Administrator**

1 permit was issued and 2 meter inspections were done this month. Alan wrote a letter to Peter Dyslin giving him permission to use the alley way. Parking lot at the Town Hall is done. Pumps on 12 property is looking shabby again and so Alan will contact the owners about the issue.

**Old Business**

SEH George and Loukia attended the meeting where they approved our application and sent it to the Executive board for review. We are just waiting to hear from them. From what was said at the meeting it looks good for the Town. George met with Mr. Dillon from the National Lakeshore Park Service and he is going to get George a map of the park and he will come and talk to the Council about the trailheads. Cathi will ask the members of the plan commission to be here for that. Making Highway 12 into a scenic highway is not looking good. There is opposition from a couple different places. George called Mr. Evans from Porter County about closing off Railroad Ave to through traffic but has not heard back from them.

Cathi is still trying to get a hold of Mr. Lampien about the property on highway 12. Cathi will keep working on and she will notify him that the Town has been maintaining this property for years and that if we have to continue then we will have to charge him for the maintenance of this property. Another option is he could donate this land to the Town.

Cathi has been calling the county about the culvert on Ardendale, but there has been no response. Cathi talked to Chuck Lukamnn about setting up businesses registering with the Town for a small fee. We cannot set a limit on the number of specific businesses right now. We can register existing and future businesses. Cathi will work on this.

**New Business**

Council decided to table talks about a new merry-go-round until spring. George publicly thanked Loukia for the new curtains and also, for all her help at the RDA meetings. Loukia notified the Town Council about the road being damaged on Birch Street at the driveway of the Cell Tower. Alan will notify the Cell Tower company about repairing this.

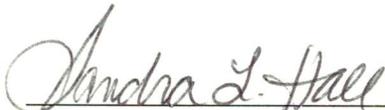
**Public Comments**

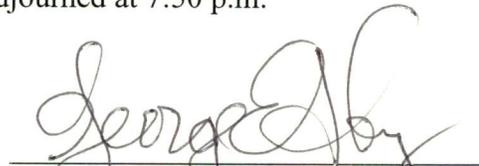
Loukia complained about the property on 520 (Maple Street). This is the old liquor store and it has a lot of junk sitting around. Alan will send a letter to the owner and we will give him 30 days to clean up the mess or attend the next meeting ready to present his plans for cleaning up this property.

**Claims**

Cathi made a motion to pay the claims

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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George Adey, Council President