

August 3, 2016

The regular meeting for the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:29 pm. Cathi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, James Prast, Alan Murray, Town Lawyer Greg Sobkowski, and Jessica Ann Murray. James made a motion to suspend the regular meeting to have a hearing on the property at 1552 Colorado Ave.

Hearing on 1552 Colorado Ave Property

Alan issued a Building Standards Order. He wrote a letter to the property owner in 2013 requesting a cleanup and the property owner has continually failed to follow through on the request since that time. Neighbors have called to complain about the property and the Health Department was notified. Alan accompanied the inspector during the inspection to document the occasion with pictures. At this time, it was asked if the property owner was present. He was not present at this time. The council did not have any questions. If the order is affirmed, the property owner has 30 days after it is received to take action. If not, the town can take specified actions in the order. After discussion, the hearing is closed at 6:35 pm.

James made a motion to affirm the Building Standards Order and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Greg will prepare the order and send a copy to the Council President.

Clerk Treasurer

The signs have still not come in and Jessica Ann asked Vicki if she should continue to pursue the issue or just reorder the signs with the additions of the new ones. Vicki said reordering would be acceptable.

Fire Department

August 15 there will be a meeting and will discuss the ordering of fire gear, pants, coats and boots. An account will be formed with HEE, Hoosier Environmental Equipment. Eight people are needed to start and it is estimated that around \$30,000 will be needed for the gear. Insurance will be needed on the truck. The incorporation has been approved and are working on fundraising.

Building and Zoning

3 permits were issued during the month of July. One for demolition, one for roofing and garage door, and one for a building. The Solar Light at the Picnic Shelter was started and will be lit up soon. An update for the NIPSCO cleanup was provided by Alan. Everything that is damaged will be returned to the way it was or better. An alternative route was proposed of taking Fern in order to minimize the activity taken place on second place. The playground equipment is not ready yet and the slide will have arrived by the week of the 15th. After discussion, Bud made a motion to accept the alternative route option of Fern and Alabama for use of cleanup upon receiving an official letter. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Street Department

The road patch was put in and the branch on Ardendale was checked. There are a few stop signs that might be too far back from the road and cars coming down the road are not able to be seen. There is a tree that fell that was on town property but fell onto a resident's property and damaged her trampoline. The insurance will be called to get an estimate and find out about pro rating it.

New Business

A property maintenance order was brought up. Greg informed the council as what it was and how it can be enforced. James made a motion to set an ordinance workshop for both ordinances for August 16, 2016 at 6:30 pm. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Public Comments

Marv made comments about the pole barn on Connecticut and Mr. Wingo made comments concerning whose responsibility County Line Road is, Porter or LaPorte's.

Claims

James 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 7:36 pm.

Jessica Ann Murray, Clerk Treasurer

Cathi Murray, Council President