

Town of Pines Meeting

December 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines, Town Council, was called to order at 6:30 PM. This meeting was held virtually via ZOOM.

James led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were James Prast, Janice Lowe, Vicki Kuzio, Shelby Mashburn, and Philip Orlando.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the November 4, 2020 meeting were reviewed with no corrections. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Vicki, seconded by Janice. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

The town is still being Audited by the Insurance Company. One is from 5-2019 to 5-2020. A second audit is from 10-2019 to 10-2020. The first is completed though Shelby has not heard back with results yet. The second audit will take a few weeks as advised by auditor. Once results are given, they will be shared.

There is an ongoing issue with the security system. It has been discovered that the conduit running between the Town Hall and the maintenance building is a partial source of the problem. The conduit has been cracked and filled with caulk by Comcast at some point, as informed by Rob. This has allowed water to seep into the tubing and the wires are no longer working correctly. Some of the conduit appears to also be the incorrect size. To correct this issue the conduit and the wiring all need to be replaced and correctly installed. Ellis electric gave an estimate to replace the conduit for \$1716.05. Shelby will ensure Par Mar Replaces the wiring completely as suggested by Ellis with underground grade wiring. Vicki makes a motion to accept the Ellis estimate, Janice seconds the motion. Carried 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had 25 calls. 16 were EMS, 3 were Fire Alarms, 3 Brush Fires, 2 down Powerlines, and 1 Smell Investigation.

At this time Fire Department Meetings have been canceled until 2021 due to COVID 19 and the county's current RED position.

STREET DEPARTMENT

76 Loads of leaves have been picked up so far. Rob is trying to make 1 more full round through the Town, weather permitting.

A Catalytic Converter was stolen off of the 2003 Ford Dump Truck, costing him a day work and leaves.

Rob has prepared the other two trucks for winter and plowing.

2 trees fell at the Pines Park. They were removed by a resident who wanted the firewood to heat their home.

Rob also wants to know what we can do to protect town equipment better. Is it possible to invest in another garage space or any fencing to give us added protection for storage? Rob asks if we can use the property right across from the garage to possibly do this.

James mentions that on Second Place we need to consider having a sign put up regarding it being a blind hill on each side.

BUILDING AND ZONING

There was a permit for 4401 W Highway 20 for a retaining wall along the drive.

J&B West had a permit at 1004 Scott Court for Nick Bright for a roof.

J&B West had a permit at 1717 Liberty Street for a roof.

Phil has not been able to contact Newmann still regarding the property. He asks if he should reach out to the lawyer regarding this. The buyer Phil spoke to does not seem interested anymore. Council agrees that Phil should refer to the lawyer.

OLD BUSINESS

James mentions the ongoing discussions that he has been having with the cell towers and contracts that we hold. He will be reaching out to the lawyer regarding the cell towers. Council can then decide their action plan based on the lawyer's recommendation.

Vicki asked about the woman who was asking for fencing to block train noise. James informs her that this resident was advised to go to the BZA regarding this. Phil stopped and spoke to her about options that she has besides fencing as well.

Janice asks if the Patinos on Maine Street issue has been resolved. Phil has not gotten any response. They have not complied with town requests; Phil needs to send 1 more letter before we can reach out to the lawyer.

The Drywell has been installed on 2nd Place. It is agreed that it is rough. Reith Riley is supposed to come and review this with James. Rob is concerned with this damaging the plows this winter as well being so set low. James will bring this up with Reith Riley.

A request to put a reminder for large items to pickup to call Republic. James is referring to a Large TV on Ardendale. This owner has spoken to Vicki. Vicki gave her other suggestions to move it. Vicki will verify if Hitchcock will still accept these. Vicki will get information before we make a post about these items.

NEW BUSINESS

Janice mentions that through the CARES ACT, the town might be eligible to be reimbursed for the purchase of Laptops for Council and the Clerk to enable everyone to have full access to working from home especially during the COVID 19 and online meetings. Vicki makes a motion to purchase 4 laptops and needed equipment for council and clerk, Janice seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

James states that we need to set a date to pay all bills and to hold in Lew of a January meeting. The available dates are the 28, 29, or 30 of December. It was decided to hold the final yearly meeting on December 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment. All parties left meeting.

CLAIMS

Vicki makes a motion to pay the claims. Janice seconds the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer