

February 6, 2013

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, Sandra Hall and Alan Murray. Cathi made a motion to accept the minutes of last meeting and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Clerk-Treasurer

Sandra presented the council with a letter from Crown Castle, the company that now owns the cell tower on Florida Ave. Cathi made a motion that we have our attorney look at the letter before signing it and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. George will get the letter to the attorney.

Building and Zoning Administrator

Alan issued 3 permits this month. Alan looked at the garage on US Hwy 12 and said that it is not in bad shape. We may need to clean up behind it and the tree branch that is on top of the garage is not fallen it is growing there. The property on Idaho - the attorney is doing a title search on it. No one bought the property on Louisiana Street at the sheriff's sale. It has been cleaned out and now it is on the market. Alan changed the address for the Town when he was at the County. Hamstra will fix the rust on the brick at the Town Hall as soon as it gets warmer.

Street Department

The Birch Street sign has been moved to be more visible. The memo board outside needs to be repaired. The alarm system is in and when the weather is warmer they will finish the maintenance building. Cameras will be installed next week. Would like Marv to give us a quote on putting a door on the salt shelter. GMC truck is leaking oil. Rob will try to fix it but if he cannot he will have to take it to the shop.

Culvert on Ardendale

Matthew Ohl from the EPA and Attorney Tim Thurlow (attorney for the EPA) were here to discuss the issue with the culvert. The Town of Pines has had people to look at this culvert and were told that part of the culvert was replaced when the municipal water was put in. When they replaced it they did so with a smaller culvert, therefore, we have a problem with this culvert getting clogged up. Mr. Ohl asked the Council what they felt was a proper fix to this problem? Alan and Cathi said for the culvert to be dug up and replaced with the one piece proper size culvert. Alan presented the drawings that show what should be there and also papers stating that everything was to be put back the way it was or replaced with something better. Mr. Thurlow said that this matter has been signed off and that he wasn't sure that the EPA could do anything about this now. Cathi asked "Is it fair for the tax payer dollars be used to fix something that was not done correctly the first time?" Again Mr. Thurlow said that they would review this problem but that he wasn't sure that they could help us. He suggested that we see an attorney.

The Council will hold a workshop with the EPA to discuss the problems on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Old Business

Cathi presented a letter that will be sent to business owners in the Town informing them of the Business Registration Permit Ordinance. Sandra will draft a more detailed letter and present it to the Council at the next meeting.

New Business

Alan Pitts would like the Council to have signs put on the south side of US Hwy 20 and Birch Street. Sandra is to order a new sign for Birch Street and US Hwy 20.

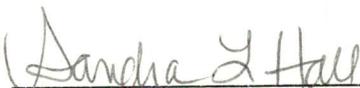
Allen Hammond from NIRPC is here to talk about the American Disabilities Act Compliance Guide. He would like for the Council to appoint an ADA Coordinator. This person would work with Mr. Hammond on getting our Town in compliance with the ADA guidelines. Cathi made a motion to appoint Vicki as the ADA Coordinator for the Town of Pines and George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Congressman Pete Visclosky is coming on Saturday, February 10, 2013 to the Town Hall. Cathi asked if Morgan could please clean the Town Hall again.

Public Comments

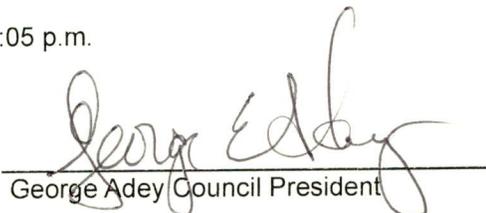
None

Cathi made a motion to pay the claims and 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