

Town of Pines Meeting

June 1, 2022

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines, Town Council, was called to order at 6:30 PM. This meeting was a regular Council Meeting held at the Town Hall. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

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

MINUTES

Clerk Treasurer was out ill. Will present minutes at July Meeting.

CLERK TREASURER

Clerk Treasurer was out ill.

Janice shares on behalf of the Shelby that the funding for the most recent COVID relief funds, reporting has been required and they are asking about the Towns plan for the funds. Council needs to decide as to what to use the funding for or to send the funding back if we are not going to need to use this. Janice brings up again the limitations of these funds uses. Phil asks if it would be worth working with the remaining homes in the Pines that need to have city water installed. Janice agrees that that would be a good place to start. It is also suggested that the needs for sewer in the town are another need many people would benefit from, but it is much higher cost and depth of a project, where as many residents have gotten water extended and we can more feasibly complete water for the town.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rob states Mike is in Indy working with the Union for Fire Departments.

So far, the number of calls is less than last year at 225 calls.

James asks if they have gotten the information regarding calls for accidents on 520. He states again that Phyllis DeMota is requesting this to try to prevent NIPSCO from driving Fly Ash through the Town of Pines again.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Rob says that they should be coming to till the leaf pile for the first time this year for the composting. He hopes that they can get the appropriate equipment back to the compost to do so.

Rob asks again about the dump truck. Jan states that by law we must place it up for bid. If they want to scrap it, it must be deemed junk and scrapped only nothing else can be done with it after that. Jan tells Rob to give Shelby the information to make a posting to accept bids.

Rob states that he has broken the new dump truck. He states that weld was not done properly. It is \$200-\$400 to fix. Jan asks about the trucks current warranty.

Rob says that there were about 260 Kids for the field day here for the park rental. They had the national park ranger and fire trucks here for the kids.

Rob has got the measurements for woodchips for the 2 parks. He suggests doing Warden Park first. Vicki says she will get that ordered and delivered. He asks that they get delivered separately as it takes time to spread, and people will steal it if it is piled at the pines park and left. Jan asks about weed control at Pines Park before laying down fresh chips.

The alleyway fillings have been rescheduled again to the first week of June, due to rain.

Jan asks if compost is still available to residents upon request. Rob states yes, it is to just get in contact with him.

Vicki states she is still working on the chipper's information. Rob has been talking to DNA auto about working on repairs for the leaf vac to make sure it is in good condition for the next round of leaf pickups.

BUILDING AND ZONING

Permit for roofing shingling at 1537 Liberty Ave.

Permit issued for solar panels at 2872 Second Place.

Phil is still working with the architect for the blueprints. The architect should have those estimates by the end of the week. Tate Surveying is booked out 10-18 weeks currently. Janice states that even with the price difference on the survey estimate, it needs to be done and to proceed to do so. It is \$2700 VS \$1500.

Phil has been speaking with Pat Boy about various things council is working on such as water for the town, the Patino property, and helping the town better its availability for more assistance and grants.

There was a complaint about the Tire Shop at 3985 US 20. The EPA is supposed to be meeting with him to discuss proper tire storage and disposal.

Vicki has gotten a voicemail from someone stating that 520 is not used as a roadway on google. Vicki is going to look further into this to find out what we must do to fix this issue.

OLD BUSINESS

James mentions that the Cell Tower on Florida has a new subcontractor utilizing this tower. This is DISH Network. We would get a new rental fee of \$300 a month, in addition to our other rental fees, for this agreement. The only changes would take place within the current property's limits. The attorney has reviewed this contract. James is asking Council if they would like to agree to this contract. Janice asks

when this would take place. James states as soon as we sign the contract and send it in, they begin. There are no questions from Council. Vicki makes a motion to agree to the contract, Janice seconds. Vicki votes yes, Janice votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

James states that Council needs to contact Matt to speak about NIPSCO on 2nd place and to get the county to grade Railroad Ave. James will call Matt regarding both situations. He will also discuss Florida with him.

Janice asks about the Ordinance about Highway 12 and parking. Council states to reach out to the attorney with this situation and ask them for the proper verbiage and formatting.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The resident that lives on Railroad Ave asks about why the county isn't handling the situation on Railroad as they said they would. James states therefore he is going to be asking Matt to contact them to get this road graded sooner than later. James states that a meeting with Brown needs to be had first to show them the damages to the road caused by their runoff. Janice asks about speaking to Val with the situation. No one says they know anything. Janice offers to contact her about the situation with the washout.

Kent mentions that the home at what he thinks is 1462 Pine the yard is cleared, and he asks if anyone is doing anything there. Council states that it is just the beginning stages of Dave trying to get it started to be cleaned up to at least a basic level. He also asks if there is anything new regarding the fencing on Pinney. Phil states that as per the attorney they have reached out to a surveyor for this situation. We are following the attorney's advice and have to wait for the availability of the surveyor.

CLAIMS

Janice makes a motion to pay the May 2022 Claims, Vicki Seconds. Vicki votes yes, Janice votes yes. James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M

James Prast, President

Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer