

Town of Pines Meeting

March 2, 2022

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 for due to COVID. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. This will be held virtually, due to COVID 19. The Town Hall is currently closed to meetings due to COVID. Next regular Council Meeting to be Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. This status will be reviewed at the April Meeting.

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

MINUTES

The Minutes from the February 2, 2022, meeting was reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made to approve the minutes by Janice, seconded by Vicki. Janice voted to accept; Vicki voted to accept; James voted to accept. Carried 3-0.

CLERK TREASURER

Shelby met with Carl Reed. He shared a lot of interesting information about the Town of Pines with Shelby. She will share this for reference with Council. He has requested if anyone would like to meet with him that has been here for a long time, he would like to know more about what people remember of the Pines.

The Annual Boundary and Annexation Survey has been completed. There are no changed from prior years at this time.

Shelby has begun to sort and reorganize the Ordinances and Resolutions that are being worked on by Municode. There were some issues with the original uploads which have been resolved. This will help if they have any further questions to find a faster response or answer for them.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rob was out. No Report at this time.

STREET DEPARTMENT

Vicki has been in contact with Frick, who we get our salt from. They are offering a discount of \$13 per ton currently, with an adjusted delivery fee. Rob has said we have room for more. He will be getting back to Vicki on the exact amount. Vicki estimates the total cost will be about \$650 - \$700. She is

requesting approval for this purchase to save us at the end of the year on costs. Janice makes a motion to accept the salt purchase, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

Vicki has spoken to the installer from the Slide. He stated that they will install when the ground is less frozen. He stated he would be in contact. Vicki has not heard back but she is in the process of trying to reach him for more information for Council and for Rob.

James has spoken to Matt with Abonmarche regarding the situation with Florida and Second Place with NIPSCO. He has sent the Town a copy of a service agreement stating that we pay for time and material. It has a cap set at \$6,000. We only pay for what we use, but up to \$6,000. They will evaluate about damages caused by NIPSCO trucks and work. He will need a copy of the Original NIPSCO Contract where EPA was a liaison for the matter. James and Shelby will look to find these files as soon as they are both able to. Jan asks what we are asking to be done to the streets. James states that we are wanting them paved due to excessive patching various spots through majority of the road. James has the Disk Version of documentation. Shelby offers to help with viewing these documents. James requests a motion for this agreement. Janice makes a motion to approve this contact, Vicki seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0

Shelby asks about the Ordinance previously discussed for Highway 12 easement parking issues. Shelby requests the information on the easement size so she can get this written and begin the process of passing and getting this to the state. This is the same as the issues they had near what is now RJS on highway 20.

BUILDING AND ZONING

The South Shoreline sent a right of entry contract regarding the work they are doing. This is solely on Town property; they are not accessing any private residential property. It needs James's Signature

Brandon Bennet bought Jerrys Service Station at 1650 Maple Street. They received a permit for new electrical. They have also made statements about the motel having footprints in the snow to the doors and doors left open. They are concerned about people causing problems there. It is owned by the Patels. As requested by Council Phil will try to contact them and to send a letter to their mailing address filed with the Tax Office.

The fence was installed around the South Shore lot. They were supposed to put up a view blocking fence but have not yet. Phil has reached out to them regarding this issue to get it fixed as soon as possible as it was what they had agreed to with the Town of Pines.

Phil spoke to the attorney regarding the Patinos at 1706 Maine. He stated that the Town needs to get a survey for evidence of Town property. Once this is done and photos are taken, the lawyer can send forth a letter about the removal of the blocks located on Town Property. Phil needs Council approval for a Survey to be done. Janice asks to approve a certain amount to be able to expedite the process and keep everything moving in a timelier manner. Janice suggests \$1500. Phil states he thinks this should be enough to have the survey completed. Janice makes a motion to hire a surveyor for Pinney Street, up to \$1500, Vicki Seconds. Janice votes yes, Vicki votes yes, James votes yes. Carried 3-0.

Phil is still waiting to hear back regarding the architect and remodeling for ADA compliance. He hopes to hear back by the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

James has spoken to the lawyers regarding the cell towers. They approved the information that was sent to us by the Cell Tower company. We can go ahead and let them know the work is okay to be completed as discussed previously, as per our attorney. James will reach out to Patricia on the matter. Phil also requests that it be mentioned that the cell tower fencing gate has been left open and unlocked multiple times. He has called corporate with no response.

Shelby brings up the previously mentioned ordinance for Credit/Debit Card purchases as required by the state for record purposes. Shelby has shared this with Council for approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Janice asks about the fencing done by South Shore. She asked about the fast-growing pines and fence type. Phil states that they have a 6-foot security chain-link fence now. They are supposed to do the planting after the construction due to the digging they are doing on the property currently. She asks to just keep it in mind that what they have now cannot be permanent and they need to meet the terms they agreed to.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Art Garcia wants to thank Council for their actions with the survey on Pinney. He asks if we are assuming if the blocks being reviewed are on Town property. Phil states that we are not sure, this is the reason for the survey. He asks what will be done with the blocks that are not on property versus what is on Town property. What will happen with each situation? James informs Art that currently we are pursuing the removal of the blocks on Town property with the surveyor and following actions. Phil states that if the blocks are on their property, we must follow the legal steps discussed last meeting, with the lawyer and letters before court if it leads to this. Art asks about the Town "working the angle" of the blocks being an illegal fence. Phil reiterated that we still must send the letters and lawyer procedure. Council is hoping that seeing the Town taking these serious movements, will encourage them to move sooner than later in putting up the correct and approved fencing.

CLAIMS

Janice makes a motion to pay the February 2022. Janice makes a motion; Vicki seconds the motion. Janice votes yes, Vicki 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

