

March 7, 2012

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. George Adey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: George Adey, Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, Sandra L. Hall, and Alan Murray.

Cathi made a motion to change the order of business to New Business, Old Business, Street Department, Clerk-Treasurer, Building and Zoning Administrator, Public Comments, Claims, and Adjournment. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Cathi made a motion to accept the February minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

New Business

Superintendent Constantine J. Dillon and Deputy Garry M. Traynham came to present some of the programs that the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore has to offer the communities and to also to tell the Town Council that they are waiting to hear from the EPA regarding the 520 Landfill and as soon as they hear what is going on there they will contact the Town. Alan asked if they have an internship program and Mr. Dillon said yes and that they have many programs including volunteer programs.

Old Business

Doug Olson and Greg Kalpino were here to update the Town Council on our RDA application. March 20, 2012 around 10:00 am they will have a meeting on our application. George will attend. There are several steps in the process and SEH will keep us informed on each step.

Street Department

Terese Davis came to present different programs available for establishing clean safe environments in our communities.

Vicki notified the Town Council that the Porter County Solid Waste District would like the town to look into dumping our leaves on Connecticut Ave so that they can come and shred the leaves then we can haul them to our compost site. They will also help us turn the leaves in the compost site to help them decay faster. George would like Vicki to call the sheriff department about helping us purchase neighborhood watch signs. Vicki reported that Maryland Ave was fixed and that the men are filling in pot holes throughout the Town. There has been no dumping since the camera signs went up. All street lights that were reported out have been fixed. Rob ordered salt.

Clerk-Treasurer

Sandra reported that the Annual report was filed on time and that the classes she attended help accomplish this. Sandra, also, reported that our 2012 budget has been approved.

Building and Zoning Administrator

Several building permits were issued this month. The attorney working on behalf of the property at 1535 Louisiana Ave. emailed to say that he is receiving bids for cleanup of this property and that there were no other updates. Alan will contact our attorney to send Mr. Black a letter. Alan had to deny a permit because the property owner would like to put in a 3rd meter for a basement apartment. He was issued a permit in 2001, but this permit should not have been issued because the property is zoned B2 and the property owner did not go before the BZA to get a variance. Alan asks that the property owner lists what he wants to do with this property and we will submit it to our attorney for review.

Public Comments

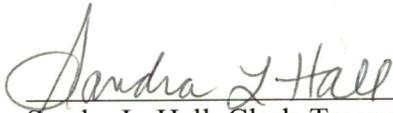
Marv Guenther had a problem in January where he had someone smash his mail box and he called the Porter County Sheriff's Department and they would not come out. George is going to look into this for him.

Ken Verhage asked if the Council noticed that the property on the corner of Pine Street and 520 is starting to accumulate more junk. Alan will look into this.

Claims

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 7:50 p.m.


Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer


George Adey, Council President