

**May 30, 2012**

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 May 2, 2012 meeting minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Clerk-Treasurer**

Sandra received a petition for vacating an alley way. The hearing will be set for June 27, 2012 at the regular meeting of the Town Council at 6:30 p.m.

**Street Department**

The Ford truck license plates were stolen so Vicki and Rob are working on getting them replaced. Two leaf pickups are done. Poles at the Pine Park are ready to be painted. Rob took dumped tires to the Porter County dump site. Flyers for the Spring Clean up and the 911 emergency situation will be passed out this week. Culvert on Ardendale was cleaned out but within 1 to 2 weeks it was flooded again. We need to notify the EPA of this problem.

**Building and Zoning Administrator**

Four Permits were issued this month. Alan submitted 3 estimates on the Town Hall parking lot. Cathi made a motion to accept Indiana Asphalt's bid and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Old Business**

Sandra received a letter from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the Town of Pines complaint about Michel Industrial Chemical Supply. They have recorded the complaint and in their opinion the matter is closed and they do not feel that we will hear any more from the company. They also sent up a copy of IC 24-5-5 and IC 24-5-5-1

IC 24-5-5 Unsolicited Merchandise

IC 24-5-5-1 Sec. 1. Where unsolicited merchandise is delivered to a person for whom it is intended such person has a right to refuse to accept delivery of this merchandise or he may deem it to be a gift and use it or dispose of it in any manner without any obligation to the sender.

Therefore this matter is closed.

The owner of the property in front of the Town Hall on Highway 12 has given us permission to put up a sign on his property.

The other property in front of the maintenance building on Highway 12 is up for an estate sale. Cathi will look into this matter more.

George looked into the 15% fee on the tax abatement and was told that we would have had the opportunity to collect this but because we do not have an economic development committee we could not.

**New Business**

Nicole Barker with the National Park Service has someone that would like to buy the properties from the Town that are in the National Park Service area north of Highway 12. They would like to buy it to donate to the National Park Service. If the Town donated it directly then we get the trail heads. George will call Mr. Dillion on what properties and also asked about whether the Park cleaned up Carolina Ave.

George had a complaint about the old Liquor store on Highway 520. It is the position of the Town that someone with a complaint must come to a Council meeting in person and issue the complaint. George will pass on this information.

**Public Comments**

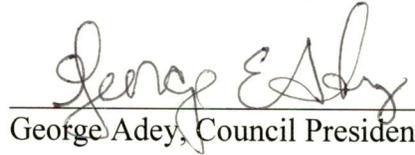
None

**Claims**

Cathi made a motion to pay this months 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 7:45 p.m.

  
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Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer

  
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George Adey, Council President