

October 4, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Cathi led us in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were Cathi Murray, Vicki Kuzio, James Prast, Alan Murray, and Janice Lowe.

Clerk Treasurer

Reported the progress to bring everything current. Approved for annual insurance premium to be renewed.

Minutes

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

Fire Department

There were three calls last month. Supplies were donated by Valparaiso and Kingsford Heights fire departments. New fire department contract for 2018 to stay the same as 2017. Fire department will hand out candy and hot chocolate on Halloween.

Building and Zoning

Three building permits were issued, new roof on Henry St, furnace and bathroom update on Colorado St, reroof on Blackhawk Motel.

Discussion on ways to help Mr. Skube complete the necessary forms for assistance in improving his home and yard. A suggestion was made to hire someone to mow the grass and clean up the yard at the Skube home. Bud will inform Mr. Skube that the town is moving forward with the order from June 2016. He will also get quotes for the lawn mowing. Alan discussed Dollar General's problem with erosion and how he will call the engineer he worked with before.

Street Department

Motion to propose new street signs was passed 3-0. Coal bins were installed at both parks. A problem with the berm at the compost area was discussed, the berm has been destroyed.

Porter County can't get into the compost area until it is corrected.

Bud met with Reith Riley and checked the streets where work had been done and informed them on what needed to be done by Nipsco. Reith Riley will then work up a proposal.

Old Business

Discussion about a rezoning workshop and maps to reflect that. No new applications for the BZA from the Burton's. The next step is to speak with Mr Burton to apply for a variance before the town proceeds with legal action.

Cathi presented Ordinance 207-10-4 second reading. Motion by Bud to accept and go into effect November 15th, 2017. Vicki made a motion to second. Passed 2-0.

New Business

No new business to report.

Public Comments

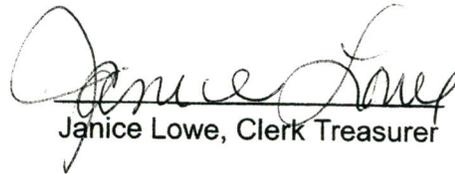
Marv Guenther commented on homes for sale in the Pines and the increase in asking price. Another resident commented that the Pines seems to be changing for the better.

Claims

Bud motioned to approve claims for the month of September. It passed 3-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Cathi Murray, President



Janice Lowe, Clerk Treasurer