

September 1, 2010

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

Vicki made a motion to accept August Meeting Minutes, George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Building and Zoning Administrator

3 permits were issued. Alan reported that the road going to the cell tower on Birch Street was repaired. Still waiting on the County Auditors office on the Nespo property. Mr. Dobkins is still making progress on the clean up of his property.

Street Department

Railroad Ave has been cleaned up. The pile of brush and boards have been picked up on 520. Dan is looking into motion cameras. The problem tree on Hickory has been removed. Light on Flag was done and looks very nice. Wood chipper is fixed.

THE FAMILY OF WHITEY WARDEAN GRACIOUSLY DONATED THE NEW FLAG AND THE NEW INDIANA FLAG.

We want to thank the Family of Whitey Wardean for the donation of the flags.

Vicki made a motion to change the order of business and allow public comments before Old Business. George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Public Comments

Charlie Struyf made a few points regarding the rezoning. 1. Will the property owners have their county taxes reduces since this is being rezoned from commercial to residential? A Grandfather clause is no good after someone sells the property. Cathi stated that there was no grandfather clause in this ordinance. Charlie feels that the Town may find people building worse houses in this area. Diana Lawrence is for rezoning because of fear that a trash transfer station may go in there. Ken Verhage feels that rezoning is good for the future of the Town and protects the Town from having undesirable business moving into our community.

Old Business

Cathi read Ordinance # 2010-9-2-2 An Ordinance amending the Pines Zoning Map. George made a motion to accept the Ordinance as read and Vicki seconded the motion and as there was no further discussion the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Sandi is to notify Chuck Lukmann on the county tax question.

T-Mobile – Council says we are sticking with the original contract that is good until 2012. Then we will negotiate.

Sandra read Resolution # 2010-9-1 A resolution supporting the Declaring of Coal Ash Hazardous. Vicki made a motion to accept this resolution as read and George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

New Business

The Town Council is looking to see if any changes are to be made to the way we do the park rental. The Council tabled this until next meeting.

Sandra reported that she sent a copy of our Fire Protection Contract to Chuck Lukmann for review as there may be some changes in store after the election. He will get back to Sandra by the next meeting.

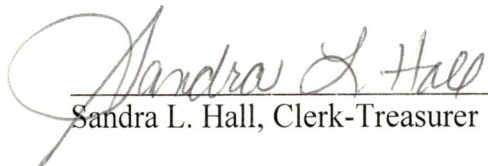
Global Towers want to renegotiate our contract just like T-Mobile. The Council will leave this as is also.

Public Comments

Ronald Vicor brought his concerns over the Town not being involved in the FEMA National Flood Program. His house insurance is charging him very high rates because the Town is not involved in this program and he is in a high flood zone. Cathi is looking into the steps we need to take to get our Town into this program.

Vicki made a motion to pay the claims and George seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer



Cathi Murray, Council President