

**TOWN OF PINES
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. Bud led the meeting in the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In Attendance were, Cathi Murray,, James Prast, Alan Murray and Janice Lowe, Clerk/Treasurer.

Before regular meeting agenda,the clerk/treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2020 and the proposed additional appropriations for 2019. Cathil made a motion to approve the additional appropriation, Bud seconded and passed 2-0. The clerk will forward to SBOA for final approval.

A motion to approve budget was made by Cathi and seconded by Bud iand was passed 2-0. The ordinance for the 2020 budget will be presented at the October 2, 2019 meeting.

The public meeting for budget was closed and the regular meeting continued.

Minutes

Cathi made a motion to approve the minutes and seconded by Bud passed 2-0.

BUILDING AND ZONING

2949 W Hwy 12, permit for new roof, permit issued for new siding on Idaho St.

FIRE DEPT.

13 calls for the month of August. Received a grant from NIPSCO, for the year a total of \$28775.00 has been received in grants by the fire department, allowing the fire dept to purchase much needed tools including 2 new radios.

STREET DEPT.

The street dept in the month of August has trimmed the sides of streets in the town, removed a bee nest,and change street signs as needed. Bud has been checking where street lights were needed in the town.

OLD BUSINESS

A letter was read by the council from the attorney representing the owner of the former antique shop on the corner of 12 and 520. The letter said the property ownership is being settled and a decision will be made in regard to the property.

The owner of property on 2nd place was inquiring what was needed for him to proceed with his improvements and changes to his property, as more documentation was needed it was tabled until the October meeting. Cathy made the motion and was seconded by Bud, passed 2-0.

A discussion in regards to the trailer at the Burton property, Bud will have a meeting with Mr. Burton and look at the location of the trailer. In October Mr. Burton will close on the additional property he had purchased and will then proceed to ask for the alley to be vacated.

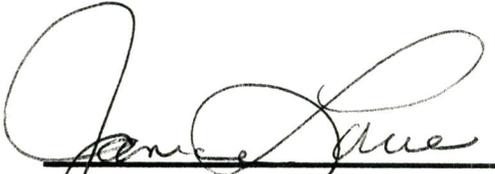
Railroad Ave West of Ardendale is still a work in progress, Bud will meet with Chris Kolasa and discuss the work on the road, he hasn't been able to get the road at an acceptable condition. Bud will contact Porter Co. and Brown Trucking Co. for possible assistance.

Public COMMENTS

Residents had complaints of not having their recycle garbage can picked up. Rob told residents he will put patch in some problem areas. On Illinois Ave and Idaho St. there is brush to be picked up and Rob will take care of it. Nipsco will be called in regard to leaving brush behind after trimming trees. Resident on 2nd Place was told he would need a building permit, and to give a letter to the council as to his intent of his work on the property.

Cathi made a motion to pay claims and Bud seconded it, passed 2-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.


Janice Lowe, Clerk/Treas


James Prast, President