

Town of Pines Public Budget Hearing for 2022

September 15, 2021

The Public Hearing 2022 of the Town of Pines was called to order at 6:00 PM. This meeting was held as an open meeting with restrictions, meeting was shared virtually via ZOOM for residents who are unable to come to the Hall. The next Budget meeting will be Friday October 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. This will be the Adoption Hearing for Budget 2022, located at the Town Hall, with restrictions. The COVID-19 Town Hall Meeting Restrictions are still in place until further notice; Masks must be worn in the Hall, Six (6) foot social distancing, and maximum occupancy of 20 people.

James led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were James Prast, Vicki Kuzio, Shelby Mashburn, Janice Lowe, and Phil Orlando.

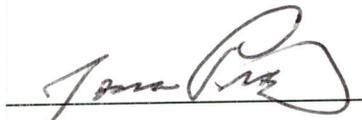
The purpose of this meeting is to review the 2022 Budget.

Shelby leads off explaining that this is the Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget for the Town of Pines. The Adoption Hearing will be held on Friday October 1, 2021, at 6:00 PM, unless something is to come up to effect this from the state. Shelby asks Council to follow along with their highlighted sheets. The funds were changed were all increases. Shelby proceeds to list the effected funds. Clerk Treasurers, Building Commissioner, and Employer's Share all are to increase due to the pay raises suggested by Council at the Budget Workshop for 2022. There has also been an increase in the Building /Zoning Code for cost of BZA meetings to be transcribed. Attorney Under Contract also increases to allow for BZA costs. Telephone and Internet increase due to cost rises due to phone insurance and expected increases due to 1 council member needing a new phone. Fire Protection is increased by Council Request. Electric increases due to expected costs. Subscription and dues increase due to more subscriptions being used with updates that have been made over the year. Wages of MVH labors raises due to adding a helper for Rob. Road material increases due to increasing costs of salt and sand mix.

This completes the changes made to the Budget for 2022. James asks if the town or resident's taxes will be affected by this, Shelby and Janice both explain and answer that no, these are funds available, and the increases were not enough to move the town to a new tax bracket. Shelby goes on to explain this is more of cushion in this budget as some things may not be needed as they were this year such as BZA, or the Attorney. That preplanning properly is easier than having to do additional appropriations mid-year.

James announces that the next meeting for Budget, the Adoption Hearing will be October 1, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 P.M


James Prast, President


Shelby Mashburn, Clerk Treasurer