

June 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Town of Pines Town Council was called to order at 6:30 pm. George led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were: George Adey, Vicki Kuzio, Cathi Murray, Alan Murray and Sandra Hall. Cathi made a motion to accept the minutes and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

Clerk -Treasurer

Cathi made a motion to table NIRPC until we can figure out who can do this. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. Cathi made a motion for Sandi to sign the Able Contract for an extension provided our lawyer reviews it and okays it. Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0. RDA will be reimburse for the Town Council with an appropriation report.

Building and Zoning Administrator

Alan issued six (6) permits this month.

Alan was able to talk to the nephew of the deceased owner of the trailer park on Hwy 12 about the trailer that is missing the siding. The trailer park is in probate and he cannot remove the trailer but he did try to make it a little better.

The culvert on Ardendale has been repaved. The County had used their own signs on the road during the repaving and someone stole their sign. The County may charge us for this sign. Two letters were sent out this month to two problem properties. One letter to Amazing Cars and the second letter to Mr. Virk regarding the property on the corner of Hwy 520 and Hwy 20. Present at the meeting was Mr. Virk and his tenant Mr. Leonard Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers is the owner of the business A-1 Quality Car Repair that is located at the corner of Hwy 520 and Hwy 20. Mr. Virk presented a map to Alan to show where his property line is and to show that the fence is not on the right-of-way. Alan feels that this is a junk yard and Mr. Rodgers assures the Council that it is not a junk yard, that he is not selling parts off of cars. He is in fact purchasing parts and putting them on the cars that he has there and then selling the cars. He assures the Council that the public is not allowed behind the fence and therefore, they cannot purchase parts off of the cars. Mr. Virk is looking to purchase the right-of-way back from the state. The LaPorte District Deputy Commissioner wants to sell the right-of-way back to Mr. Virk. The Council is happy with the progress made by Mr. Rodgers in cleaning up around his business and will not pursue this any further as long as he complies with our ordinance and keeps the place clean and as long as the fence is not on the right-of-way. They asked Mr. Rodgers to pay he permit fee for the fence. Mr. Rodgers apologized for any hard feelings and assured the Council that he will keep thing clean and that most of the cars that he has there will be gone as soon as possible.

**Street Department**

Vicki read a letter from the Pediatric Cancer Care thanking the Town for the use of our Park during their ride from Chicago to Boston for their Pediatric Cancer fundraiser.

Rob obtained 2 bids for a new pickup truck. One was for a 2015 Chevy Silverado for \$31,192.00 with a plow and the second was for a 2014 Chevy Silverado for \$33,89.00 with a plow and more options. Vicki will look into another bid and get back with the Council at the next Council meeting. Vicki had Chris Kolasa clean out the culvert on Ardendale for \$400.00.

Vicki is going to try and call the National Lakeshore and ask them why we cannot destroy the beaver dams and the park can. They destroyed the beaver dam on the Central Ave culvert.

Alan was able to get three estimates on repaving 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. The Council asked Alan to have some things explained from the estimates and then get back to the Council at the next meeting. The bids are from Indiana Asphalt for \$143,739.00, Reith Riley for \$143,841.00, and Rowe and Sons for \$199,433.80. Cathi made a motion to table repaving until July 2, 2014 meeting and Vicki seconded the motion and the motion was voted on and passed 3-0.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Public Comments**

Mr. Carl Dawayn had a question as to why we allow the truck trailers to be parked on Hwy 520 as it is a hazard for people trying to pull onto 520 from Pine Street. George explained that he had been dealt with and he cleaned up to the satisfaction of the Council and to those that complained and that he is grandfathered in with his business. Then he started to get louder and wanted to know what qualifications Alan Murray had to hold the position that he does and he wanted to know if there was a conflict of interest having Alan be the Commissioner with his wife on the Council. He then asked again about Alan's qualifications and Alan then told Mr. Dawayn that he had been an electrician for the past 30 years and Mr. Dawayn wanted to know if that was with a union and Alan answered yes. Mr. Dawayn then asked where and Alan told him in Chicago and so Mr. Dawayn said he was going to check it out. Mr. Dawayn then asked when the next election was because he knew people that wanted to run for the Council and get rid of this Council. Cathi said he could call the County and they could give him all the information that he needed on this. Then, Mr. Dawayn began to raise his voice calling the Council a "Mickey Mouse Council" and started using profanity and George hit his gavel and asked that Mr. Dawayn lower his voice and calm down. George said "We called the Sheriff's department the last time you came to a Council meeting and started yelling and approaching the Council desk and I will call them again" Mr. Dawayn kept yelling and getting belligerent



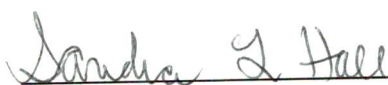
even with a resident attending the Council meeting. Cathi then called the Sheriff's Department and informed them of the situation and they sent a police officer out. Mr. Dawayn then left. We finished the meeting while we waited for the police officer to arrive. A report was filed with the Porter County Sheriff's Department.

*Someone asked if the Town was going to remove the tree that fell down on the Connecticut Street gate. Vicki said that she would have our Street Department men look at it. (The Town Council was unaware of the tree being down.) The owners of Joe's Bar and Grill have someone interested in some of the property they have for sale on Connecticut Street and asked if the Town Council could look into paving the street again. George said that we will revisit the paving when we have been given an environmental okay.*

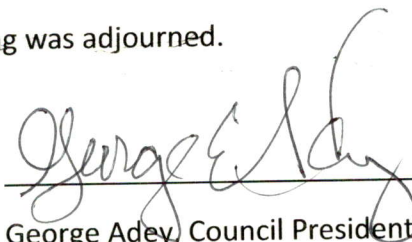
### Claims

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

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Sandra L. Hall, Clerk-Treasurer



George Adey, Council President