

**Town of Pierceton**  
Council Public Meeting Minutes  
Pierceton Community Building  
January 10, 2022  
6:30 pm

**Opening**

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton opened with the pledge of allegiance.

**Present**

Council members Tom Barker, Matt Brubaker and Mandy Espinoza. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Town Marshal Tim Sammons. Utilities Superintendent Casey Boggs.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the council meeting held on December 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council. Also approved were minutes from an Executive Session on December 13, 2021 at 5:45 pm, Executive Session on January 5, 2022 at 9:00 am and for a Special Council Meeting held on December 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

**Claim Docket**

\$137,654.61 in claims were paid.

**Upcoming Meetings**

- A special council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:30 at the Community Building to discuss the Fire Territory.

**Public Hearing – 6:30 – 6:35 pm**

- A hearing was opened to public comment concerning rate increases for water and wastewater and garbage collection.
- With no questions or comments, Matt Brubaker made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-12-1 raising garbage rates, Ordinance 2021-12-2 raising Wastewater rates and Ordinance 2021-12-3 raising Water rates.
- The hearing was closed and the monthly council meeting proceeded at 6:35 pm.

**Streets, Water, Sewer – Casey Boggs**

- The finalized wastewater permit has been received from IDEM.

- Drainage at the Hill's Taekwondo and Dollar General parking lot is good. Casey stated that in the spring he may have the fire department blast it to clear it.
- Casey and Jonah will be working on getting quotes for multiple items. One item mentioned is the replacement bed for one of the town trucks. The truck still runs well but the bed has rusted.
- CF Environmental was used for testing the previous week. They stopped and picked-up samples. Before fully changing from Element to CF Environmental, Casey will verify that past results will still be accessible with Element.

#### **Police Report from Town Marshal Tim Sammons**

- Indiana Criminal Justice Institute notified the PPD that the town has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$57,757.60 for the community emergency radio upgrade.
- The Kosciusko County Sheriff's department will pay for leadership training for Ashley Jones and Tim Sammons on January 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Town Marshal Sammons requested to meet with newly appointed Council President to discuss the open position in the PPD.

#### **Clerk-Treasurer Report from Myra Mast**

- Ordinance 2022-1-1 to transfer within the TIF Fund was approved by council.
- A quote has been requested from Alliance for replacements of the heating units at the Community Building.
- Notices will be advertised for bids to the street paving project in which the town was awarded a grant through the Community Crossings Matching Grant program. Bids received will be opened at the February 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

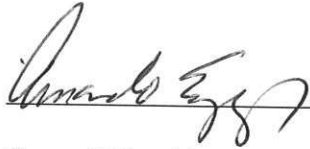
#### **Other Business**

- Attorney Tammy Keirn presented a Certification of Appointment for the Pierceton Recreation Board to renew the appointment of Paula Smith who is a current board member. The Council approved the appointment with a 3-0 vote. Clerk Myra Mast will contact Paula to complete the appointment procedure.
- Casey Boggs provided quotes for a steel storage container to store the new Christmas displays. The council unanimously approved a 40' high cube from Container Sales Group in Illinois in the amount of \$7325.
- Matt Brubaker advised that the Christmas displays can be stored in the East bay at the Police Station until the storage unit is received.

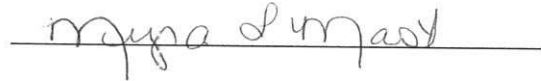
#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on January 10, 2022 at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer