

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
June 13, 2022
6:30 pm

Opening

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

Present

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

Absent

Council President Mandy Espinoza

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting held on May 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council.

Claim Docket

\$177,993.56 in claims were paid.

Billing Adjustments

\$-53.84 utility account adjustments.

Streets, Water, Sewer – Casey Boggs

- Town Superintendent Casey Boggs advised that IDEM backwash inspection went well. The only issue was the cattails in the pond. Casey has found an aquatic weed control specialist in Syracuse. The town is on their schedule. Other than that, the inspector was happy with everything else.
- IDEM was also performed a water inspection which was very lengthy. Deficiencies were found were labeled minor except for one. A flapper at the end of an overflow drain on the clearwell needs a tighter seal. Minor findings included another flapper that needs a tighter seal, drain line needs replaced, and a new thermometer is needed.

- A signed hold harness form is needed as the final piece of paperwork for the Pierceton Days road closure and detour. Casey will submit the form once two council members have signed.
- The town crew have been busy patching pot holes and have gone through one truck load of asphalt. Leesburg does not have patch available for purchase until November. A crew member drove to Disko for the last load of patch and will get the next load also from the same location.

Police Report from Town Marshal Tim Sammons

- Still waiting for Body-worn grant recipients to be announced.
- All new portable radios are now in service.
- The in-car MCTs are ready for replacement. Officer Sammons provided an outdated quote so council will know the expected cost.

Clerk's Report – Myra Mast

- On behalf of the Christmas Lights Committee, Clerk Myra Mast, requested approval from the council to submit an application for a grant from the Kosciusko County Community Foundation. Matt Brubaker made the motion to approve and Tom Barker seconded.
- Myra also asked council for approval to file again for the Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) which will be due by the end of July. Council approved with a 2-0 vote.
- Regency Pointe made a request for a write off of a late penalty in the amount of \$195.77. Council unanimously rejected the request.
- Alan Tio had provided quotes for appraisals for several properties in town that the town would like to sell or purchase. The total would be a minimum of \$12,000 and include parcels at Pequinot Drive, Arnolt Drive and behind the Dollar General Store for light industrial use. Also included for the appraisal is farm land located off Seventh Street and town owned property off Ryerson Road. Council voted for Alan to move forward with the appraisals.
- Council voted to approve a \$1.00 raise for Deputy Clerk, Kelly Engle, after her six-month review. Council voted 2-0 to approve the raise to begin in July.
- The clerk quickly discussed issues with social media. Recently, Myra, town attorney Tammy Keirn and council president Mandy Espinoza attended a virtual demo for Archive Social that will archive Facebook posts, comments, etc. which are considered public records. Myra will look into options at a later date to determine the best move for the town in order to keep open the Facebook page.

Other Business

- Scott Siefker was present on behalf of the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission. Scott gave a brief explanation of the Comprehensive Plan. Council

then approved Resolution 22-6-1 that accepts the Town of Pierceton's Comprehensive Plan. The plan can be viewed at www.forwardkosciusko.com.

- Town resident, Don Gebert, was upset that the sirens were not on during the recent Memorial Day parade. Council member Matt Brubaker advised that Don will need to address the complaint with the American Legion who requested that the fire trucks go silent through the parade. He also stated that the flag burning ceremony by the Legion was a disgrace and was concerned about a lack of patriotism in town. He did also state that the newly paved roads look good.
- Brad Stahl reported progress on the clean up of his property. He recently took advantage of the Spring Trash clean up day to clean out his property on Elm Street and will be moving on to the next property. He is slowly working through mowing due to a recent repair needed on his mower.

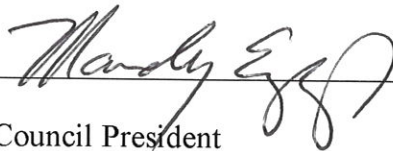
Meetings

Council set a date for a budget discussion meeting to be held on June 28th at 5:30. This will be a public meeting at the Pierceton Community Building.


Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on July 11, 2022 at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer per notes from Casey Boggs.



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer