

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
June 14, 2021
6:30 pm

Opening

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

Council members Tom Barker, Mandy Espinoza and Matthew Brubaker. 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 ^{May 17} June 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council.

Claim Docket

\$99,511.37 in claims were paid.

Streets, Water, Sewer

- Casey Boggs and crew will be cleaning and prepping curbs for painting.
- A seasonal employee has been hired to mow parks and help with other duties. Casey is very satisfied with the work being performed by this employee.
- A recent backwash inspection at the water plant by IDEM found 2 violations. Bench sheets have been created and iron samples will now be sent to Element for testing to be compliant moving forward.

Police Report from Town Marshal Tim Sammons

- Officer Sammons advised the council of House Bill 1006 which deals with education regarding the use of choke holds.
- Body cameras will need to be upgraded in 2022.

Clerk-Treasurer Report from Myra Mast

- Myra updated the council regarding the Christmas Lights Committee stating that on June 5th the committee sponsored a breakfast, a silent auction and a food truck. \$1905 was raised that day and another \$705 on June 11th with Stephanie

Campbell making and selling cupcakes. The committee made its first purchase which is a walk-thru 10' gift box.

Attorney

- Town attorney Tammy Keirn presented to the council Ordinance 2021-6-1, an ordinance regarding Alcoholic beverages in town parks. No person or group should use, possess or consume alcoholic beverages in the parks except upon written consent or permission by the town council. The town clerk will be authorized to develop an application for any person or group who would like to have alcoholic beverages in Brower Park or the Pierceton Washington Township Park.

Other Business

- Steve Dickens was present regarding a neighboring property to a home he is flipping on Keith Street. Attorney Tammy Keirn advised that a letter was sent to the property owners regarding the clean-up of the property. Mr. Dickens is concerned that the junk on the property will inhibit the sale of the home he is currently flipping. Tammy advised that normally the first letter could be mailed by her or by the Town Marshal. The home owners have until July 5th to make progress with the clean-up. Once a formal ordinance violation is issued, the home owner can be fined \$25 per day up to \$2500. The \$2500 cap is per ordinance violation.
- Kathy and Dana Cone were present regarding two plots they own at Ryerson's Green, lots 11 and 12. These lots have sewer lines that run underneath the property. They would like to sell these lots and presented a plan for a house on lot 11 that would have the drive-way built over the lines. Tammy Keirn advised that it would be best to have a signed disclosure by the buyers that they were made aware that if ever the town needs to dig up those lines for any repairs, the property owner and not the town would be responsible for the expense of a new drive. The council approved this for the hearing the Cones have on July 7, 2021 with area plan. Tammy asked the Cones to email copy of the disclosure they create to her.
- Deb Finken asked if the town could be of assistance with a project to sell pictures of local veterans or fire fighters that would mount on poles in town. The cost will run about \$100-\$125 for a resident who would like to purchase one to honor their family member. Tom Barker advised that NIPSCO has made it aware to the town that we can no longer attach Christmas decorations to their poles so town clerk Myra Mast will call NIPSCO to see if they would approve.
- Greg Chism asked that the area at the end of Second Street be sprayed with weed killer so they would not have to mow it.

- Greg Chism asked about maintenance of the McNamara clock at Brower Park. Superintendent Casey Boggs advised there is no one local who can maintenance this and the costs are enormous to bring someone in to repair.
- Greg Chism asked if the town could buy flags for cemeteries. He has talked to Wabash and Marion Legion reps and they advised that the cities buy these. The town can look at the budget to see if there are funds for this.
- Greg Chism asked about the properties owned by Brad Stahl in town that look to be condemned. Council advised that if the property owner does not tear the homes down once it is deemed necessary, the town has to cover that cost.

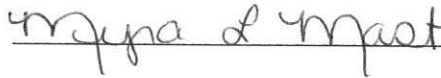
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on July 12, 2021 at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer