

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
May 17, 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 April 12, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council. Also approved were minutes from Executive Meetings held on April 22, 2021 at 4:30 pm and April 28, 2021 at 4:00 pm also at the Pierceton Community Building.

Claim Docket

\$100,816.53 in claims were paid.

Streets, Water, Sewer

- Casey Boggs has completed the wellhead protection plan and is renewing the wastewater permit for IDEM.
- Consumer Confidence Reports will be mailed to water customers in June.
- Casey has two applicants for seasonal mowing and is also looking to apply for the 2-year apprenticeship program with Alliance which will provide an employee at the sewer plant. The deadline to apply is July 1, 2021.
- There is a pile of rubble/concrete on N Indiana Street on North Indiana Street. Attorney Tammy Keirn will send a letter to the property owner.

Police Report from Town Marshal Tim Sammons

- The Cadet program has ended for the 2020-2021 school year. A total of 10 cadets received certificates of completion.
- Officer Sammons advised that two ordinance violations had been issued to Rhonda Harris after her dog bit another dog. Ms. Harris had contacted Sammons stating that she did not think she should have to pay them. In the conversation he

advised her that she could come present her argument with Council. Ms. Harris was not in attendance. Council member Mandy Espinoza asked Sammons if Harris was indeed in violation of the ordinance. When Sammons said yes, Mandy made the motion for Sammons to move forward with the violation. Tom seconded and all agreed that she owes the fees.

- Sammons requested status of the speed limit signs and the no parking signs that are to be installed in the Arnolt Drive area. Casey will provide paint to Sammons to mark the locations where he would like the signs.

Clerk-Treasurer Report from Myra Mast

- Myra requested council approval to move forward with applications for grants with Walmart and the Kosciusko Community Foundation seeking help with the new Christmas lights for the town. Council voted in favor 3-0.

Park

- Attorney Tammy Keirn requested guidance from council regarding the issue of the selling of alcohol in the parks. An ordinance is needed in order to obtain approval from the Indiana State Excise Police. Council agreed this ordinance would only be in regards to the Pierceton-Washington Township (Community) Park and Brower Park.
- The agreement with the Pierceton Youth League was approved and signed by Council. Concerns with the league were voiced and Tammy advised that the Town of Pierceton leases the park to the Pierceton Youth League and have no control, other than what is in the agreement, over the management of the league. She also suggested we reach out to see if the town can do anything to help them such as posting on the town Facebook page the needs of the league regarding volunteers and board members.

Other Business

- Matt Sandy was present as a representative of the Kosciusko Area Plan Commission regarding the rezoning of the property located at 624 E Mill Street. Area Plan denied the request at a May hearing due to issues with drainage in the area and a plan to remedy the drainage and a traffic study that was not provided as previously requested. After concerns by residents who live in the area of the property, Council Member Matt Brubaker questioned the representative from AR Engineering, Spencer O'Dell, in regards to their client's plan if the rezoning request is denied. Spencer stated that their client will look for another location in Pierceton. Matt Brubaker made the motion to deny the request. Mandy Espinoza seconded and the request was denied with a 3-0 vote.
- Ordinance 2021-5-1 which establishes a Fund for the American Rescue Plan Corona Virus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The purpose of the fund is to receipt

the monies allotted to the Town of Pierceton and expend monies per a future plan which is to be created by the town per the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

- Ordinance 2021-5-2 to establish a Fund for the Comprehensive Hoosier Highway's Injury Reduction Program DUI Task Force Grant Program. This fund will expend payroll for police wages when participating in the program and will receipt in the grant payments.
- Abatements for area businesses Grouper Casting, LLC (Shiloh), Pierceton 23 LLC and Paragon Medical were approved and signed.
- Council received an invitation from Washington Township to join along with Monroe Township in forming a Fire Territory. After a brief discussion the Council voted to move forward with the territories in order to gain information and understanding regarding the endeavor. Washington Township will be paying for the Baker Tilly survey.
- Council approved and signed the Memorandum of Understanding with Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO). The Town of Pierceton Council is currently working with KEDCO as they seek areas in town to move forward with a housing project.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on June 14, 2021 at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer

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Council President

Clerk-Treasurer