

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
December 11, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Opening

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

Present

Council President Matt Brubaker. Council members Tom Barker and Janet Castle. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Marshal Jim Bumbaugh and Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

Approval of Minutes

The Council approved minutes for the council meeting held on November 13, 2023, Special Meetings minutes held on October 30, 2023, and November 27, 2023. Minutes for an Executive Session held on November 15, 2023, were also approved. All meetings were held at the Pierceton Community Building.

Claim Docket

\$257,131.04 in claims were paid.

Approvals

- Ordinance 2023-12-1 was presented by Matt Sandy from Kosciusko County Area Plan. The ordinance references the zoning change from public to commercial to the property located at 502 N First Street (the former United Methodist Church building).
- Approved Deputy Clerk, Kelly Engle, being added to the Lake City Bank account with the condition that she is bonded.
- A \$300 bonus for all full-time employees.
- The council gave permission for Alan Tio at KEDCO to move forward with designs for a home building project and completing an income study with Pierceton businesses.
- The setting up of a shooting range by the Marshal and Deputy Marshals was approved. A 12-foot berm will be constructed. There will be no cost to the town.
- Marshal Bumbaugh requested permission from the council to apply for a Drive Clean Indiana grant through MACOG (Michiana Area Council of Governments). Through the grant the town hopes to purchase one police vehicle and one town pickup truck.

- Online course for Town Superintendent Casey Boggs provided by Alliance of Indiana Rural Water. The cost will not exceed \$225 depending on which courses are available.

Streets, Water, Sewer - Casey Boggs

- Casey will be obtaining quotes for paving and crack sealing town roads.

Pierceton Police Department

- Town Marshal Jim Bumbaugh advised that after noticing the town had not received reimbursement from a grant in 2020 in the amount of \$1099 for vest, he spoke with the DOJ and the released payment. There is still a claim out for 2023 vests in the amount of \$1268.
- The JAG Grant for new in-car camera equipment has been tentatively approved.
- Marshal Bumbaugh advised of the meeting with MACOG regarding the Drive Clean Indiana grant. The total cost of the project will be over \$100,000 and would be covered 100% by the grant.
- Bumbaugh met with firearms expert Dave Swaim regarding the construction of a shooting range in Pierceton. Town attorney Tammy Keirn advised that now amendment would be needed to the current town ordinance to add the shooting range in the town. She stated the ordinance prohibits the discharge of fire arms in town with the exception of law enforcement duties which should include training.
- Quotes were presented to the council for upgrading video surveillance equipment. The quotes were from Priority One. The council asks Bumbaugh to obtain additional quotes.
- The PPD is on track to receive more revenue from citations for 2023 than they ever have here in Pierceton. Bumbaugh praised his staff and commented the Officer Hastings was instrumental in making this happen.

Other Business

- The Council tabled the approval of the updated Employee Handbook for further review and discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on January 8, 2024, at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer.

Glenn E. Hall

Council President

Myra Mast

Clerk-Treasurer