

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
January 8 @ 7:13 pm

Opening

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Glenn Hall. The meeting was called to order immediately following a public hearing which began at 6:30 pm.

Present

Council Members Matt Brubaker, Glenn Hall and Eric Trump. 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 December 11, 2023, Special Meeting minutes held on December 21, 2023, and the Year End Meeting on December 28, 2023, at 5:30 pm. Minutes for two Executive Sessions both held on December 11, 2023, at 10:00 am and 5:30 pm were also approved. All meetings were held at the Pierceton Community Building.

Claim Docket

\$189,442.92 in claims were paid.

Guests

- Kevin and Gail Shepherd, owners of the former Welch building located at 533 S First Street. The Shepherds were seeking the Town Council support in rezoning the location from Industrial to Commercial.
 - The building is currently being used as a warehouse, but plans are to remodel the office area for a full-service salon.
 - Plans are to use a different part of the building for a U-Haul Rental business.
 - The Shepherd's also plan to eventually move their existing CNC shop from Warsaw to the Pierceton location.
 - The Town Council approved a letter of support for the rezoning be sent to Matt Sandy at the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission.
- Ashlee Ryman and Michelle Roberts, owners of Kaleidoscope Wedding and Events located at 502 N First Street.

- The business was seeking the Town Council support for a variance in fence size from the allowed six-foot privacy fence to an eight-foot fence to accommodate privacy for the neighbors and for the wedding party for outside pictures and possibly outside wedding ceremony options.
- The Town Council approved a letter of support for the larger fence to be sent to Matt Sandy at the Kosciusko County Area Plan Commission.

Council

- Matt Brubaker motioned to approve Glenn Hall as the council president for 2024. Eric seconded. Matt also motioned to approved Eric Trump as the council vice-president for 2024. Both motioned passed with a 3-0 vote.
- Glenn encouraged residents to attend council meetings.
- Glenn advised starting at the February meeting the town will post an agenda and anyone wanting to be on the agenda will need to contact the clerk's office by Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Approvals

- Ordinance 2024-1-1 for a drug free workplace.
- Resolution 1-1-21 authorizing the Application Submission and Local Grant Match for the sidewalk project.
- Resolution 1-2-24 to encumber \$6000 from 2023 for LWG CPAs for the capital assets inventory.
- Four-Factor Analysis & Language Access Plan for LEP persons.

Streets, Water, Sewer - Casey Boggs

- The pothole machine was used to repair three leaks in town.
- There are several composite signs that need repair. Casey obtained a quote for the Barb Faris signs in the amount of \$750 each. He will have additional sign quotes for approval at the February meeting.
- Casey advised residents to keep vehicles, trash totes and all other items off the street as much as possible so that the snowplows can more efficiently remove snow from the streets.

Pierceton Police Department

- The PPD was awarded a JAG grant in the amount of \$38,738.40 for new video recording equipment.
- Year-end reports showed that the PPD handled 3424 calls in 2023, which averages nine calls per day.
- Marshal Bumbaugh is working with town superintendent Casey Boggs to compile information for the Electric Vehicle Grant.

Pierceton Fire Rescue

- Fire Chief Nathan Rhoades addressed the council concerning the fire engine owned by the Town. He asked for permission to sell the engine as it is a manual transmission and is not being used and just takes up space in the fire station. The money from the sale will be given to the Town. Matt motioned to approve the sale and with a 3-0 vote the motion passed.

Other Business

- The council voted to appoint Georgia Tenney to the Recreation Board to serve a four-year term replacing former board member Annie Espinoza whose term had expired.
- Richmond Bradford, the brother-in-law to the owner of the house at 205 W Catholic Street requested an adjustment due to a high water bill that was determined to be from a running toilet. No one is currently living at the home as the owner is in a nursing home. The council approved the suggested discount in the amount of \$52.94 by the Clerk-Treasurer.

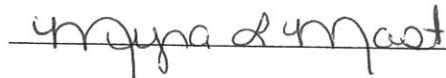
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on February 12, 2024, at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer.

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Council President

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Clerk-Treasurer