

**Town of Pierceton**  
Council Public Meeting Minutes  
Pierceton Community Building  
February 13, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

**Opening**

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

**Present for Public Hearings**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the council meeting held on January 9, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Pierceton Community Building were approved by council. Also approved were minutes from the special council meetings held on January 19, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. and January 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. and an executive session held on January 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. A correction was made to correct the date on the Special Meeting minutes for January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Claim Docket**

\$193,194.27 in claims were paid.

**Approvals**

- The truck bed replacement for the 2014 town truck was approved by the council. The quote from WA Jones in the amount of \$10,558.63 was approved with a 3-0 vote with Janet Castle making the motion to approve the replacement. Matt Brubaker seconded the motion. Casey Boggs stated that the truck itself is in good shape with just over 38,000 miles on it.
- Casey Boggs presented a quote from Toric Engineering to set up a VPN at the water plant. This will allow staff to see water levels remotely as just one advantage. Matt Brubaker made the motion to approve, and Janet Castle seconded. The vote was carried with a 3-0 vote.
- A quote in the amount of \$25,398.15 to replace the furnaces at the Community Building. This is \$5000 more than the quote obtained in February 2022. An updated quote was also requested from Quine Freeman but was never provided by that vendor. Janet Castle motioned to approve the purchase with Tom Barker seconding the motion. The purchase was approved by a 3-0 vote.

- BZA requested the Council vote as to the use of the building located at 303 N First Street. Due to a possible restaurant that may open in the lower level of the building, the council would need to vote to approve the location for additional use. Janet asked that the use be approved but with the stipulation that it would come back to the Pierceton Council for final review/approval. Matt motioned to approve the location for additional use with the stipulation and Janet seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote. The location will need a new address as it was formerly listed as 111 Columbia Street in Beacon. Matt suggested 303 ½ would work best for emergency personnel.

#### **Streets, Water, Sewer – Casey Boggs**

- Casey advised the council that the motor on high service pump #1 went out. Per Peerless Midwest, the replacement cost would be \$5800. Instead, Jonah Studebaker took the motor to Kester's in Warsaw and they refurbished the motor for a fraction of the cost of the new motor.
- Emergency sirens are working for emergency use only and not for the noon siren. Casey is waiting for a quote on a new siren.

#### **Pierceton Police Department – Jim Bumbaugh**

- Marshal Bumbaugh has completed my required 80-hour refresher training 4 months ahead of schedule.
- The body camera grant was approved. The new cameras were received last week and are set up and in use.
- The matching grant for the body armor will cover the cost of new armor for both deputy marshals. Jim will apply for a new grant to cover his own body armor when the next grant application process begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Marshal Bumbaugh provided a spreadsheet with data that is provided by central dispatch regarding the number of calls and the nature of calls that the PPD are responding to.
- Marshal Bumbaugh is compiling information for new rugged tablets for the police vehicles. The quote from Cops Gear in Columbia City is for over \$13,000. Bumbaugh will be seeking funding to help cover this cost.

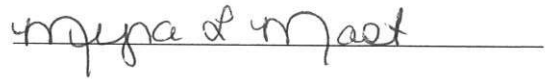
#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on March 13, 2023, at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer.

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Council President

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Clerk-Treasurer