

**Town of Pierceton**  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Pierceton Community Building  
March 14, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

**Purpose of Meeting**

To provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions regarding the Sidewalk Project.

**Present**

Council President Glenn Hall. Council Vice-President Eric Trump. Council Member Matt Brubaker. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Attorney. Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

**Guests**

Donny Ritsema with MACOG.

- Explained the role of MACOG in helping with grants.
- Again provided the process of the HELP program and how the sidewalks were voted by the Pierceton Town Council as the project for the ARPA funds.
- The ARPA funds and the CDBG contribution is in response to the pandemic and any future pandemic and must be spent with that in mind.
  - Allows for proper social distancing.
  - Safely connects residents to the elementary school and the community park.
  - Provides walking opportunities on both sides of the street.

Chad Salzbrenner with engineering firm Fleis & Vandenbrink.

- Chad was available to answer questions and provided the designs for the project for residents to view.

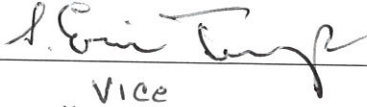
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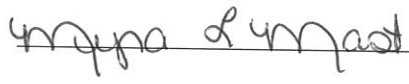
- The sidewalk project will begin the Spring of 2025, but trees could be removed and old sidewalks torn out sooner.
- Estimated cost of the project is \$501,428. The Town's match from the ARPA funds will be \$221,386 and the CDBG will cover \$280,042.
- ADA ramps will be updated in this project for the designated area.
- Twelve trees will be removed.
  - Glenn Hall announced that the Town would consider replacing these trees with new ones.
  - The roots of old trees damage infrastructure.

- Pierceton has many old trees that may all begin to die around the same time so replacing the twelve trees with new will keep trees growing in the town.
- The project needs to be completed by December 31, 2025, and all invoices paid by December 31, 2026.
- The previous trail project contributed to the decision as to the area for the sidewalk project.
- The town is exploring an updated sidewalk ordinance that will work in cooperation with residents to add or replace sidewalks to their property.
- Glenn Hall advised this is an opportunity for an improvement to the town and will be an attraction to visitors and perspective new residents. He stated this is an investment not just for today, but also for the future of the town.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

  
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Vice  
Council President

  
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Clerk-Treasurer