

Town of Pierceton
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
September 6, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

Purpose of Meeting

To hear project reports for the HELP Program from Pathway Committee members.

Opening

The Special Meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance

Present

Council members Armando Espinoza, Tom Barker and Matthew Brubaker. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

Presentations

Georgia Tenney began the presentation explaining the Pathway Committee's responsibilities followed by additional remarks from HELP coordinator Amy Roe.

- Promoting Community Wellness Projects – Georgia Tenney
 - Tennis Court/Pickleball Court – repair courts to house 1 tennis court and 2 pickleball courts.
 - Pierceton Park Improvement Project – ADA compliant swings and playground equipment to be added to the park.
 - Heated Pole Barn for Winter Use – Indoor activities for all ages, study tables for tutors, and can be rented for events and parties. Would include restrooms and a small kitchen.
 - Phase II of trail project – Extend current trailway in Community Park to Seventh Street and Catholic Street per previous plans by former Town Manager Chip Hill.
 - Community Garden – Raised beds for families to grow and harvest fresh vegetables. Families would weed and care for their gardens. Classes could be offered for canning and freezing of vegetables.
- Strengthening Local Economies – Dr Sue Mort
 - Infrastructure – water lines
- Enhancing Quality of Place Projects – Kelsea Degaetano
 - Main Street and Residential Sidewalk Improvements – Sidewalks from Wilby's to Dollar General to include and water and sewer replacements or repairs in these areas. The plan would also include new lampposts and benches.

- Main Street Façade Improvements – For area businesses. Amy Roe suggested a Main Street Program be formed through OCRA.
- Stoplight on State Road 13 and Market Street – This deemed to be a state issue and would need to be addressed with the state.
- New information board at Brower Park – A new larger board be placed near the clock and benches and the old board be placed outside the clerk’s office.
- Advancing E-Connectivity – Matt Brubaker
 - There are no projects submitted from this committee due to the current plans of Comcast to supply service to the Pierceton area.

Discussion

- Projects for the ARPA grant has a 2024 deadline for completion so big projects such as infrastructure would not be complete within the deadline.
- The town is currently working with the K21 Foundation to the park update which includes the tennis/pickleball courts and additional playground equipment.
- The sidewalk project is also one that would not be complete within the deadline. Also, there may be grants with INDOT that the town could look into for this project.
- Kelsea advised it would be a benefit with the Main Street Façade Improvements to have more information for the businesses to know how they can obtain grants.
- The trail project is one that is very costly and would need additional funding and not meet the ARPA deadline.
- Possible locations for the Community Garden were discussed.
- The benefits to the community for a heated pole building were discussed. Chamber events could take place in the building. Activities such as Possible locations were Brower Park and the Community Park. Brower Park would lack parking for this building.

Approval

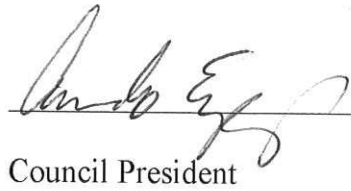
Matt Brubaker motioned to make the heated pole barn project the Capstone project for the ARPA funds. Mandy Espinoza seconded and the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Other Business


A motion was made by Matt Brubaker to approve Fleis & VanderBrink Engineering to provide the certified water validation service in the amount of \$1500 for the 2021 water audit. The motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer