

Pierceton Town Council Meeting
Pierceton Community Building
105 W Walnut St
Monday, October 14, 2024
6:33 p.m.

Opening

The monthly meeting of the Pierceton Town Council was called to order immediately following the budget adoption which adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Present

Council Members Glenn Hall, Matt Brubaker, and Chauncey Smith. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

Guests

- Ben Logan from Habitat for Humanity of Kosciusko County explained how they can work with Pierceton in the future to build in the town.
 - They buy property and accept donated property to build homes.
 - The resale outlet in Warsaw raises money for Habitat homes and accepts donated items. They offer free pick up for large donated items.
- Ashlee Ryman and Michelle Roberts from Kaleidoscope located at 502 N First Street.
 - Ashlee Ryman, owner of Kaleidoscope has offers on two properties that are for sale near the event venue that they would like to use for overflow parking. This would be during events only on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. One property is located directly behind Kaleidoscope on the corner of Indiana and Wayne Streets and the other is located at 402 N Grant Street. They would like to eventually cover the lots in gravel. Matt motioned to provisionally approve the use of the properties and with support for the zoning board decisions. Chauncey seconded and the council approved with a 3-0 vote.
- Michelle Bryzycki, manager of government affairs at Brightspeed.
 - Michelle advised that Brightspeed purchased the infrastructure from CenturyLink and that Brightspeed is an entirely different company.
 - The town requested a security bond from Brightspeed before work is started.
 - She requested the town council's approval to run fiber internet lines along the existing copper internet lines and to run underground fiber lines in three areas.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES/MEMORANDUM

- Budget Hearing, September 9, 2024
- Special Council Meeting, September 25, 2024
- Executive Session, September 25, 2024
- Special Council Meeting, October 3, 2024

Approvals

- Additional ARPA funds are available from Kosciusko County. Glenn moved to approve the Coronavirus-State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Under the American Rescue Plan Act Kosciusko County subrecipient Application be submitted to the county. Matt seconded and the submission was approved with a 3-0 vote.
- Ordinance 2024-10-2, transfer from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund.
- Ordinance 2024-10-3, transfer from the General Fund to the Unsafe Building Fund.

Police Department Report – Officer James Hastings

- Update on Pierceton Woods Academy. Local officers have been hired to sit in their patrol cars at night and activity has slowed. Several residents were in attendance complaining about trespassing on their property.
- Repairs on the 2024 Ford are complete after it was backed into and then hit a deer.
- Council approved the roll over of PTO time and vacation time for Town Marshal Bumbaugh.

Utility/Street Report – Casey Boggs

- Leaf pick up will begin on October 21, 2024, and will follow the same schedule as previous years.
- Staff repaired several water leaks in town over the past two weeks.
- The land survey for Brower Park has been completed and is available in the clerk's office for the council to review.

Recreation Board Report – Casey Boggs

- Though the dog waste bags are being used, they are not making it to the trash cans. Casey asked that residents who walk their dogs in the park please dispose of the bags properly.
- The K21 projects have begun, and the basketball court is complete and ready to be used. The tennis/pickleball courts are in process.
- A concern with lighting was presented. Casey advised that there are existing lights over the basketball court but may need to be set on a separate switch since they all come on together.

Clerk Report – Myra Mast

- Requested approval of a policy for missing receipts and a missing receipts form when a receipt for a credit card purchase is lost or misplaced. The council approved with a 3-0 vote.
- Reminder that Trick or Treat hours were set for 5:30-7:30 pm on Thursday, October 31, 2024.
- The Pierceton Chamber annual fundraiser, “Crows for a Cause,” is raising money for the PTO to purchase a new piece of playground equipment for the Pierceton Elementary School. There will also be a Chili Fundraiser dinner for the playground equipment at the community building on Saturday, October 26th from 4:00-7:00 which will also include a bake sale.

Citizen Comments/Concerns

- Greg Chism provided an update on the Honors flags. They have purchased forty-eight flags and will need assistance from the town staff and fire department to put the brackets on the poles. They are hoping to have them up by Veteran’s Day.
- Jim Anderson, who resides at 408 S Second Street has again requested the south side of Second Street paved and the alley where his house is located be repaired.

Claim Docket

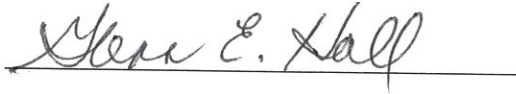
- The claim docket was approved in the amount of \$147,494.07.

Upcoming Meetings

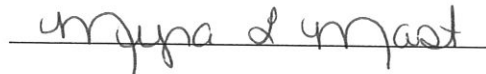
- The regular council meeting on November 11, 2024.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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Council President

Handwritten signature of Marya L. Mast in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Clerk-Treasurer