

Town of Pierceton
Council Public Meeting Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
February 12, 2024 @ 6:34 pm

Opening

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton was called to order immediately following a public hearing which began at 6:30 pm.

Present

Council Members Glenn Hall, Matt Brubaker, and Eric Trump. Town Attorney Tammy Keirn. Clerk-Treasurer Myra Mast. Town Marshal Jim Bumbaugh and Town Superintendent Casey Boggs.

Approval of Minutes

- January 8, 2024, Council Meeting
- January 8, 2024, Public Hearing for the Sidewalk Project

Claim Docket

\$161,013.92 in claims were paid.

Approvals

- Ordinance 2024-2-3 for the rezoning of 533 S First Street from industrial to commercial.
- Ordinance 20201-2-1 electing to receive fire services through Washington Township without a contract.
- Sidney Clerk-Treasurer, Lisa Parrett and council member Sharon Rancourt were present seeking approval for an agreement with the PPD to patrol Sidney.
 - Council approved the amount of \$3500 to be received annually from the Town of Sidney for patrolling services by the PPD. Officers will patrol Sidney once per shift. An interlock agreement will need to be composed.
- The council approved property owner Keith Pauwels to install a well on his property at 412 S Village instead of tapping into the town water system due to location of the water main. Glenn Hall made it clear that this is an exception due to the location of the main.
- The council approved the Nextiva app to be used on the employee's personal cell phone in place of carrying a town owned cell phone. The town will cover the cost of the app at approximately \$32 per month. Council also approved gifting town owned cell phones to those employees who opt for the Nextiva app.

- Approved the Spring Trash Day to be June 21st if this date works for Sweetheimer Trash Removal Service.
- An increase for the town insurance policy deductible was raised from \$1000 to \$2500 which reduced the cost of the policy.
- Jim Bumbaugh received approval from the council to trade in or offer current officers to purchase Sig Sauer P320 9mm duty weapons for new Sig Sauer P320 9mm w/Striker X-Ray Supp Sights (red dot). Quote from ACME for three new weapons with holsters was presented for \$2247 and 5 old weapon trade in for \$300 per weapon.
- Repairs to the generator at the Community Building/Fire Station were approved in the amount of \$2567.71.

Streets, Water, Sewer - Casey Boggs

- Some garage door springs at the utility department have broken and will be replaced. Casey will replace all other springs due to age.
- Casey is still gathering information for replacing signs.
- Cold temperatures caused a broken chain in the clarifiers at the sewer plant. Repairs took nearly a week.

Pierceton Police Department – Jim Bumbaugh

- Harbor Freight donated \$300 to the Pierceton Police Department.
- Equipment has been received for the installation of the new recording systems for the police vehicles.

Clerk's Report

- A list of six old checks were presented to the council per IC 5-11-10.5 regarding the cancellation of old checks. The checks total \$88.89 and will be receipted back into the accounting system.

Recreation Board Report – Casey Boggs

- A request from Ed Schwartz was approved by the recreation board to use Brower Park as the destination for a memorial motorcycle ride on September 7, 2024. The recreation board would like proof of insurance from Ed for the event. Casey stated that E Market Street may need to be closed for parking of the motorcycles. Eric motioned to approve this use of the park. The vote carried 3-0.
- Casey presented quotes for dog waste stations for parks. Two will be placed at the Community Park and one at Brower Park. The waste stations with waste bags and station liners will total \$991.45. Matt motioned to approve the purchase, seconded by Eric and the vote carried 3-0.
- The recreation board is working on a five-year plan.

Chamber Report – Kelsea DeGaetano

- Council approved events to be held in Brower Park and the closure of streets for the events.
 - May 10-11: Destination Pierceton. Food trucks on Market Street and vendors on the park grounds.
 - June 7-8: Town-wide Garage Sales. Vendors on the park grounds.
 - August 2-4: Pierceton Days Festival. Food trucks on Market Street and vendors on the park grounds.
 - August 24: Tomato Festival. Food trucks on Market Street and vendors on park grounds.

Other Business

- Glenn Hall recognized resident Georgia Tenney for her service to the town with a proclamation making February 15, 2024 Georgia Tenney Day. Glenn explained the recognition stemmed from Georgia being named woman of the year by the Kosciusko Chamber of Commerce.

Community Comments

- Comments regarding resident liability for the new sidewalks on Third Street.
- Standing water on property on Third Street. Casey has called Miller Sewer and Drain to address the problem.

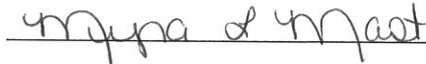
Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on March 11, 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