

**Town of Pierceton**  
Council Public Meeting  
Pierceton Community Building  
April 8, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

**Opening**

The monthly meeting of the Town of Pierceton was called to order immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Eric Trump.

**Present**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

- March Council Meeting 3-11-2024

**Guests**

- Rob Neel, owner of Second Fiddle and the new antique mall on First Street.
  - Second Saturday will run through October and 10 ft by 4 ft spaces are available to rent by vendors who would like to set up in front of businesses.
  - Concerned about the speed of traffic on State Road 13. Council supported the chamber reaching out to INDOT to petition for approval to set up the “yield to pedestrians” signs.
  - He requested someone from the town request a traffic study with INDOT.
- Cindy Durby from the American Legion requested permission to shut down Catholic Street to S Washington Street for a Legion picnic. Matt Brubaker made the motion to permit the road closure on Saturday, June 8, 2024, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

**Approvals**

- Abatements for OMCO, Paragon and Aludyne were approved. These are existing abatements and not new abatements.
- The Council approved \$50 to be used for an item to donate for the Chamber’s auction to raise money for their scholarship.
- Ordinance 2024-4-1 passed with a 2-0 vote. The ordinance allows for the PPD patrolling in Sidney.
- An interlocal agreement was approved after a motion by Matt Brubaker. The agreement is between Pierceton and Sidney and allows for the PPD to patrol in Sidney.

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

- The emergency siren is working for emergency purposes only at this time. There is a concern that it could seize up if not used so it is important to get it working. Replacements were quoted at \$32,000 each and expected to increase in price by 10 percent per year. Matt stated this could qualify for the use of TIF funds.
- James Ault will be returning as seasonal employment. Casey requested his salary be increased from \$15 per hour to \$15.75. Matt made the motion to hire James back at \$15.75. Eric seconded the motion, so it passed 2-0.

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

- Marshal Bumbaugh would like to add another camera to the east end of the police garage that will capture Bower Park. This was also discussed at the most recent Recreation Board meeting.
- Looking into another grant for Electric Vehicles. The town would cover the cost of outfitting the vehicle.
- Officer Hastings participated in a traffic blitz on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bumbaugh stated that the PPD could arrange a blitz on SR 13 by getting volunteers from other towns.

### **Clerk's Report**

#### **Recreation Board Report – Casey Boggs**

- Town Attorney Tammy Keirn advised that the K21 projects need to be bid all together and an engineer will need to be hired to provide the specks for the project and will take care of the bidding process. Chad from Fleis & Vandenbrink thinks finishing the projects by the end of 2024 is possible. May need a new contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink.
- The Pierceton Youth League is paying to replace gutters on the concession building.
- The board is working on listing projects and prioritizing the list.

#### **Christmas Committee – Stephanie Campbell**

- The committee will have a bake sale alongside the Fire Departments fish fry on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Donations of pies would be appreciated.
- Stephanie also mentioned the Pierceton Youth League will be selling laundry soap to raise funds for the league.

### **Claim Dockets**

- February to March claim docket was approved in the amount of \$103,665.99.
- March to April claim docket was approved in the amount of \$122,419.25.

### **Community Comments**

- Lee Newswanger is concerned about rats that have infested his home and believes that they came from the neighbor's house and has reported this to the health department. This issue is within the county's jurisdiction, but Clerk Myra Mast will follow up with the health department also.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- Redevelopment Commission Meeting: May 9, 2024, at 6:30 pm.
- May Council Meeting: May 13, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on May 13, 2024, at the Pierceton Community Building.

Minutes Submitted by Myra Mast, Clerk-Treasurer.

Glenn E. Hall

Council President

Myra S Mast

Clerk-Treasurer