

Town of Pierceton
Public Hearing Minutes
Pierceton Community Building
May 13, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Opening

The public hearing was called to order immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Glenn Hall.

Present

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

Approval

Council President, Glenn Hall, approved request by MACOG for Olivia Nix to record the minutes for the public hearing.

Town of Pierceton First Public Hearing Minutes

OCRA Planning Grant Award "Town of Pierceton Water Infrastructure Utility Study"

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Town Council President Glenn Hall called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and introduced and gave the floor to Olivia Nix, Grant Administrator with Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG), to discuss the Town's application and grant funding with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Olivia first provided a brief overview of the Town's participation in the OCRA HELP initiative.

In 2021, Kosciusko County was selected to participate in a new program, Hoosiers Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), with the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). The Towns of Pierceton, Mentone, and Pierceton signed on to participate in a year-long process to create Strategic Investment Plans (SIP) which outlined strategic investments to create a lasting legacy in their communities.

The SIP was adopted last year, 2023. Since then each community has been working with OCRA and the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) to proceed with their respective eligible projects to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-CV funds for implementation.

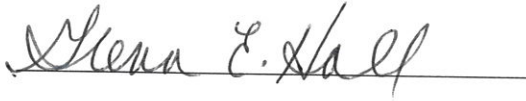
The Town of Pierceton is seeking a planning grant funded by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Community Development Block Grant program, aimed at economic development, public

facilities, and housing projects. The Town will submit their planning grant application before the June 21, 2024 deadline.

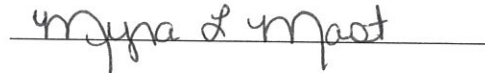
1. Goals and Objectives of the CDBG Program
 - a. The goal and objective of this program is to help communities address needs related to economic development, public facilities, and housing.
2. Community Development and Housing Needs of the Applicant
 - a. The planning grant application is to assist the Town to conduct a robust study on their public utility systems (water, wastewater, and stormwater) to have a better understanding of the areas that need to improve and a recommended plan of action.
 - b. If there are any issues or concerns residents are experiencing related to the quality of their utilities, they can be sent to Myra Mast, Pierceton Clerk-Treasurer.
3. Proposed Activities for the Project and the Amount to be Requested
 - a. The planning grant application is to assist the Town with procuring professional engineering services to develop a Water Infrastructure Utility Plan to study their public utility systems. This Plan will provide a detailed inventory of the current utility systems, the major deficiencies, evaluate potential solutions, and create an actionable plan to support future development.
4. Total Amount of CDBG funds available
 - a. The Town was awarded the maximum allowable CDBG funds for this planning grant of \$90,000.
5. Amount and Source of Local Funds to be Expended on the Project
 - a. This grant required a 10% local match which is \$10,000 for this type of planning grant and is what the Town has committed for this project. The source of the local match is from the Town's ARPA account.
6. Proposed Amount of Funds to be Used to Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income People (LMI)
 - a. Last summer, MACOG conducted an income survey in order to be eligible for this grant program. OCRA grants are required to meet one of three a National Objectives, in this case it is to benefit 51% or more of Low-to-Moderate Income persons.
 - b. Approximately 63.9% of the grant funds, \$63,900.00, will be used to benefit low-to-moderate income individuals.
7. Notification of any Displacement Resulting from the Proposed Activities or Notification of No Displacement
 - a. This project will not result in the displacement of individuals or businesses.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

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Council President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Myra L. Mast", written over a horizontal line.

Clerk-Treasurer