

**Pierceton Town Council Meeting  
Pierceton Community Building  
105 W Walnut St  
Monday, April 14, 2025  
6:30 p.m.**

**Opening**

The monthly meeting of the Pierceton Town Council was called to order with the pledge of allegiance followed by prayer.

**Present**

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes/Memorandum**

- Council Meeting on March 10, 2025
- Public Hearing on March 10, 2025

**Guests**

- Dawn Wilkinson with KEDCO discussed housing opportunities and how they can assist the town in developing additional housing in Pierceton. Dawn was joined by representatives from Club 720 and Mission Built who work alongside KEDCO.

**Approvals**

- The 2025 KEDCO agreement.
- Abatement for OMCO (Midwest Roll Forming) and IBEX (Paragon).
- Washington Township agreement for the rental of the fire station for \$16,000 annually.
- Washington Township agreement paying the town \$7000 annually for Community Park maintenance.
- The Council set aside the two-reading rule to approve the following ordinance:
  - Ordinance 2025-4-1 repealing Ordinance 2010-11-1 regarding engine braking.
  - Ordinance 2025-4-2 amending the garage sale Ordinance 90-1-1.
  - Ordinance 2025-4-3 replacing Ordinance 2025-4-3 regarding the appropriation for the promotion of business, aka public relations.
- The Council approved the waiving of fees for the Pierceton Youth League's use of the park. Discussions for contract need to begin in November of 2025 for the 2026 season.
- The Council voted 3-0 to authorize Casey Boggs to approve the vendor selected by Chelsie Creekmore for the tap to the main on State Road 13 for the apartments at 117 & 119 N First Street.
- The first payment to Phend & Brown for the sidewalk project. The following payments were approved: \$6094.62 to be paid from the town's ARPA funds and \$28,280.30 from the CEDIT fund.
- Final invoice from Lexlil for the K21 projects in the amount of \$10,000 for the dugouts. All monies from the grant have been exhausted. Council approved the payment to be made from the CEDIT fund.
- An invoice for additional equipment on a police vehicle from R&B was approved by council. The amount of the invoice was \$3718.80.

### **New Business**

- Resolution 4-1-2025 Opposing SB-1 was not voted on or approved due to changes to the bill and had already been approved by the State Senate and sent to the Governor for approval.
- The annual TIF/Redevelopment report that was filed on Gateway Indiana was reviewed by the council.

### **Old Business**

- The issue of access to the water main on State Road 13 was addressed.
  - Casey stated that the current main would meet the needs of the added apartments at 117 & 119 N First Street.
  - A vendor can be hired to determine the exact location of the main for approximately \$300.

### **Police Department Report – Marshal Jim Bumbaugh**

- Marshal Bumbaugh requested approval from council to change speed limits from 25 mph to 30 mph for the following streets:
  - East and West Market Streets
  - Mill Street from US 30 to Grant/Keith Street
  - Arnolt Drive
  - Pequignot Drive
  - Matchett Drive
  - Penalties will be IAW Indiana Code 9-21-5-2
- Deputy Shawn Castillo has transitioned back to part-time status and will picking up additional shifts later in the month.
- One of the new backboards at the Community Park was damaged last week. Video footage lead to the identifying of the suspects. Marshal Bumbaugh will seek restitution to replace the backboard.
- The hiring process to fill a vacated Deputy Marshal position will be publicized next week. Marshal Bumbaugh will review resumes and continue the hiring process once he returns from vacation.

### **Utility/Street Report – Casey Boggs**

- A wastewater pump at the wastewater plant stopped working. The quote from Kester's was \$13,000. Casey placed the order with a lead time for delivery of 4-6 weeks.
- Filters for the blowers were ordered for a cost of \$1488.
- J&K will be working on the emergency siren again. A quote for the replacement of both the town sirens was \$73,823.50.
- Jonah Studebaker's last day of employment was April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Seasonal employee James Ault will return to work on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

- Quotes to replace signs came in at \$9115.45
- Chauncey Smith suggested that Styrofoam signs look great and the cost would be lower. Matt Brubaker asked Casey to get a quote.
- The recreation has voted to approve a request from Terry Sells for use of Brower Park for the Vintage Motorcycle Show on May 17, 2025 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. The council also voted to approve the event and usage of the park.

### **Clerk's Report – Myra Mast**

- Fleis & Vandenbrink has been paid \$157,500 for the sidewalk project with a remaining amount of \$17,500 on the contract for services relating to the School and Third Street Sidewalk Project.
- The office staff participated in an informational webinar for the Boyce Cloud System which could replace both the utility and accounting software the town currently uses. Benefits to making the change include the ability of residents to access their monthly bill online and make payments on the same sight. A follow up appointment with the Boyce representative is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- A new laptop computer was purchased for the clerk's use in the amount to \$783.57 which included moving the date from the old laptop to the new laptop.
- A YouTube channel has been created for the town in preparation to meet the live streaming requirements by the state. The current equipment owned by the town is sufficient and a laptop will be the only other piece of equipment needed in order to begin live streaming and recording the public meetings.

### **Citizen Comments/Concerns**

- Resident Annie Espinoza:
  - Accused the council and clerk of putting the town "in the red".
  - Concerned with the engineering costs to explore the possibility of connecting a trail to Winona Lake.
  - Mentioned something about the history of having restrooms in Brower Park.
  - Mentioned the housing project west of Seventh Street.
  - Requesting transparency and waiting for the cameras so other people can see.
- Resident Stephanie Campbell
  - Stephanie asked Annie about the downside of having restrooms at the park. She stated that Toby Buck from Paragon offered to build restrooms at Brower Park, but chamber members declined to cover cleaning costs.

### **Council**

- Glenn addressed the following:
  - An engineer was hired for the possibility of a trail connection to Winona Lake. Not one dime will be spent by the town for trail that is not within the town limits.
  - Glenn expressed his excitement for the growth of Pierceton and would like to see it become a destination point.

### **Claim Docket**

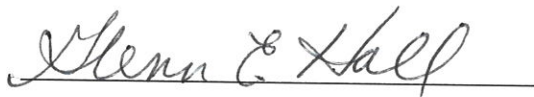
- Claims were approved in the amount of \$122,186.48.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

- The next regular council meeting on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Council, by a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.



Council President



Clerk-Treasurer