

**Town of Pierce  
Regular Meeting  
July 10, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees of the Town of Pierce, County of Weld, State of Colorado, met in regular session in the Pierce Town Hall, 144 Main, Pierce Colorado at the hour of 7:00 PM, July 10, 2023.

Mayor Julie Lukela called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Based on the roll call, the following Trustees comprising a quorum attended:

Mayor Julie Lukela

Trustees	Others Present:
Connie Schwindt	Heather Rospierski Deputy Town Clerk II
Todd Blehm	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Mary Heberlee	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Geoffery Broughton	Chad Chavies- Town Auditor
Doug Herrick	

**1. Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Lukela requested corrections to #3, and to add in the comment that was made about the Mayor bankrupting the Town. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve minutes with corrections. Second by Broughton. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Trustee Broughton would like to move #11 up under #5. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to change agenda. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve amended agenda. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**3. Public Comment:** Mayor Lukela would like to remind everyone to be respectful. Marie Hargreaves wanted to know why Deputy Clerk II Rospierski would not notarize recall documents. Rospierski said it was a conflict of interest per our Attorney. Attorney Godbold stated that it is a conflict of interest and that no one at Town Hall will be notarizing any election documents. Donna O’connor said that since Deputy Clerk II Rospierski needs an emotional support dog because of anxiety and stress, that maybe this job is too much for her and the Board should consider reducing her hours. Nick Muller said that he has had a lot of trouble with loose dogs on his property. He knows the animals live at the old Mccay property. Muller will be added to the next agenda for a special animal permit. He wants to know what is going on with the abandoned/ unlicensed vehicles in Town. He also wants to know why there are so many privacy fences going up and if anyone checks to see what is going on behind them. Also stated the fireworks must stop. Deb Schreiter agrees with the dogs being an issue. She stated she will shoot a dog if it gets on her property. Also asked why Code Enforcement Shippy has his kid in a Town vehicle. Kenny Dill would like to request an officer be present in Pierce on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July next year.

**4. Oath of Office- Doug Herrick:** Oath of office was given to Herrick by Mayor Lukela.

**5. Presentation of the 2022 Audit- Chad Chavies:** The audit was presented. The mill levy is up in 2025, so this needs to be added to an election ballot. Chavies recommended moving some more money from Farmers Bank to Colotrust. He also said that he has been reading the minutes from the last year, and he is amazed, appalled and embarrassed all at the same time. He stated that the Board needs to come together for Town residents and Town employees. He said that he has never seen anything like this go on and that it needs to stop.

**6. Complaint Against Clerk Duran and Deputy Clerk II Rospierski Regarding Emotional Support Dog in Town Hall – Deb Schreiter:** She would like to complain about the dog being in Town hall. She stated that she feels threatened since she was attacked by a dog in the past. She believes Heather should have to find another job if she needs a dog to do her work. Mayor Lukela stated that she has heard several complaints about the dog being in Town Hall. Clerk Duran said she has not gotten any complaints about the dog except from Schreiter. Motion made by Trustee Herrick to require training for the dog within the next 6 months. Second by Heberlee. Five “AYES”, two “NAYE” by Paris and Schwindt. Motion passed.

**7. Resolution 2023-02 Authorizing Banking Activities- Remove All Other Authorized Signers:** Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve Resolution 2023-02. Second by Heberlee. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed.

#### **8. Conservation Acres Lease**

A. Resolution 2023-03 Approving Conservation Acres Lease: Dallas had a couple changes to the lease, his mailing address is PO Box 3, Ault. Also, the GPS in his tractor says the property is 50.5 acres. Motion made by Trustee Heberlee to approve Resolution 2023-03. Roll Call. All “AYES”, motion passed. Town Engineer will work on getting Conservation Acres resurveyed.

**9. Recall Petitions and Certificates of Sufficiency for Recall Election for Trustee Connie Schwindt, Trustee M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris and Trustee Mary Heberlee:** There was a lot of discussion by Trustees regarding the date of the election. Some wanted to set it right away while others wanted to put it out far enough that the other anticipated recall election could run with this one to save money. Attorney Godbold said that Trustee Herrick needed to recuse himself from this since he was on the committee to recall the Trustees. Mayor Lukela said that rules are not applies evenly and insinuated that Godbold was taking sides. He said he is not taking sides, and that his job is only to make sure things are done legally. Motion made by Trustee Blehm to set the recall election for August 29, 2023. Second by Broughton. No one else votes so motion fails.

Motion by Trustee Blehm to set the recall election for August 29, 2023. Second by Broughton. Five “AYES”, two “NAYE” by Schwindt and Paris.

**10: Trustees Use of Social Media:** Clerk Duran just reminded Trustees that they should not comment on Town business on social media. She stated that people are getting wrong information regarding Town information like Town codes for example.

**11. Kubota Mower Broken/ Fix or Replace:** The Kubota mower is broken. Public Works Director Lester has provided 3 bids. He stated that he favors Kubota mowers. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to approve for Lester to purchase either the Bad Boy mower or Kubota mower after the Bad Boy is demoed to see if it will do what is needed. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

Lester also said the VFW and the motor on the non-pot were broken but everything would be programmed tomorrow, and it would be up and running.

**12. Old Business:** None.

**13. Staff Report:**

**(A). Mayor Report:** The police contract is up at the end of the year.

**(B) Public Works:** Report provided.

**(C) Planning Commission:** Rob not present. Planning reviewed plans for Rimrock last month.

**(D). Town Attorney:** A very rough draft has been provided to the Board to read over, make comments, changes.

**(E) Town Engineer:** Working on Main St.

**(F) Town Clerk:**

**1. Request to Pay Bills:** Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to pay bills. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

**2. Trustee Spurgeon-Paris- CML Leadership Level:** Congrats to Trustee Paris for all her years of service to the Town. CML has recognized it.

Clerk Duran also let everyone know there are comment boxes on the walls in both sides of Town Hall. If they are not signed, they will not be considered. Nothing can be anonymous because of the he said/ she said that is going on.

**12. Department Reports:**

**(A). Water/Sewer - Trustee Blehm:** None.

**(B). Streets & Drainage – Trustee Herrick:** Streets are in bad need of repair. There are big potholes in 4<sup>th</sup> street, also Carroll Ln.

**(C). Utilities & Energy - Trustee Heberlee:** Free Dental care 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at Island Grove in Greeley.

**(D). Buildings – Trustee Schwindt:** None.

**(E). Parks - Trustee Broughton:** None. Mayor Lukela told him she can give him information for the GOCO grant that she was going to apply to.

(F). **Growth & Revenue - Trustee Spurgeon-Paris:** None.

**13. Board Communications:** Trustee Herrick said that Meals on Wheels doesn't service this area, but they would provide meals to those who need if someone was willing to go pick them up. The Town needs at least 5 volunteers. The cost of meals is based on income.

Herrick would like the IT person at the next Board meeting.

Kim Herrick asked if there is a code of conduct that employees need to follow, because they had an employee go to their house to plead his case to them.

**Adjournment:** 10:01 P.M.

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Kristina Duran  
Town Clerk  
Town of Pierce