

**Town of Pierce
Regular Meeting
June 12, 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, June 12, 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- Absent	Brad Curtis, Town Engineer
M. Sue Spurgeon-Paris	James Godbold, Town Attorney
Mary Heberlee	Kristina Duran, Town Clerk
Geoffery Broughton	

1. Approval of Minutes : Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve minutes. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve agenda. Second by Heberlee. All “AYES”, motion passed.

3. Public Comment: Shirley would like to thank the Pierce Days Committee for the event. Tanner Kelly would like to know what is going on with W. Main. Mayor Lukela and Engineer Curtis let him know it is in the works and should be completed by the end of the year. Larry Schwindt stated that no member of the Board including the Mayor is allowed to make decisions without including the rest of the Board. He said the Mayor did apply for the grant for the Senior Center without bringing it to the Board to be included on the decision. He stated that the Mayor wants total control of the Board and if she is not stopped she will bankrupt the Town. Kim Herrick wants to know if there is a law that prevents her from doing that. Mayor Lukela said she didn't know it had to go in front of the Board, and that she sat in the Town Hall to apply and had emails back and forth with Clerk Duran and CDBG so she wasn't hiding it. Clerk Duran said Lukela never stated that the grant was applied for on behalf of the Town of Pierce, she was under the impression that Julie was assisting the Senior Center in applying for the grant on behalf of the Senior Center. Trustee Schwindt spoke of the Mayor also breaking the sunshine law in discussing Planning issues at Grubbyz with other Planning members. Mayor Lukela said she only gave Rob a letter regarding Planning that was written by an employee that could have been written by a 3rd grader. It was reported by a police officer that they overheard Planning being discussed. Lukela asked where the proof is or are Clerk Duran and Deputy Clerk Rospierski lying about it. Donna Oconner said that Mayor Lukela is the first person who stepped up to help

them. Kenny Dill said the Senior Center isn't owed by the Town now, but if it ceases to exist it will go to the Town. Donna Oconner said some people were elected and others fell into their position and that the public isn't happy with Trustee Schwindt. Attorney Godbold stated there are laws that prevent single Board members from acting on behalf of the Board. Marie Hargreaves said that nothing has been done to help the Mayor since she was sworn into her position.

Motion made by Trustee Broughton to move #9 up on the agenda. Second by Schwindt. All "AYES", motion passed.

4. Letters of Interest for Open Trustee Position and Appointment: Two letters of interest were received. Kenny Dill would like to withdraw his letter of interest due to health reasons. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to appoint Doug Herrick to the Board. Second by Heberlee. Three "AYES", two "NAYE" by Paris and Schwindt. Motion passes.

5. Adopt 2018 IECC- Safebuilt: Russ with Safebuilt was present for questions. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to adopt 2018 IECC. Second by Paris. All "AYES", motion passed.

6. Questions About Recall- Richard Wuehler: Not present.

7. Extended Handicap Parking for Senior Center: There is not much handicap parking but the further away from the ramp, the harder it is for some to access. No action will be taken at this time.

8. 15 Units of CBT for Sale- Rick Iverson: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to enter into negotiations for up to 2 units of CBT subject to confirmation of available funding from Chad Chavies. Second by Paris. All "AYES", motion passed.

9. Community Development Block Grant Agreement: Trustee Broughton is discussing this as if it was from the beginning. This grant is a reimbursement agreement, the Town will have to pay up front. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to approve subject to minor changes by the Mayor, Town Council or Town Clerk. Second by Heberlee. Five "AYES", one "NAYE" by Paris. Motion passes.

10. Old Business: None.

11. Staff Report:

(A). Mayor Report: Portable Rental brought up a port o let and hand washing station for Pierce Days. The hand washing station was damaged. Also, items other than bodily waste was put in the port o lets. Staff will put on bills not to dispose of other items in there. Mayor Lukela attended another Thornton meeting. In looking at the Business License list, there are businesses that don't have licenses yet. Clerk II Rospierski will look into this.

(B) Public Works: Report provided. Shout out to Maverick for providing dumpsters for Pierce Days.

(C) Planning Commission: Rob not present. Russ from Safebuilt was at the last Planning meeting. The railroad is installing a signal of some kind at CR90 and east of Hwy 85.

(D) Town Attorney: A lease violation was issued to Mr. Day regarding Conservation Acres. Pictures were made available to show progress of maintenance of the property. Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to terminate the lease, termination will be on June 16th, 2023. Must move equipment off property by June 27th, 2023. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed. Motion made by Trustee Broughton to enter into lease with Dallas to begin June 17th, 2023 by standard lease form. Final approval will be at the July Board meeting. Second by Schwindt. All “AYES”, motion passed.

(E) Town Engineer: Main is in process.

(F) Town Clerk:

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

2. Open Office Position Update: Motion made by Trustee Schwindt to move forward with temp to hire, cap at \$28.00 hr with fees. Second by Paris. All “AYES”, motion passed.

3. Consider Allowing Heather to Bring Her Emotion Support Dog to Work Due to Her Disability: Mayor Lukela wanted to know if insurance premiums will go up, or if it will increase liability. Doug Herring wants to know how much time this will take away from Heather working to care for this animal. Heather explained that she takes two fifteen-minute breaks and one 30-minute lunch break. Motion made by Trustee Paris to approve. Second by Schwindt. Five “AYES”, one “NAYE” by Lukela.

12. Department Reports:

(A). Water/Sewer - Trustee Blehm: Not present.

(B). Streets & Drainage –Vacancy: Open position.

(C). Utilities & Energy - Trustee Heberlee: Had another CPR class, two people attended. Sgt. Germer will teach another class if there is more interest, but it likely will not be paid for by the fire department so it will cost \$25.00 each.

(D). Buildings – Trustee Schwindt: Clerk Duran let the Board know the front door needs to be replaced and is already on order.

(E). Parks - Trustee Broughton: Mike Lester was impressed with the clean up from Pierce Days.

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

13. Board Communications: Nick Muller has about an acre and needs the weeds taken care of. He was hoping to get an animal to eat the weeds. It is not allowed per code, but if he submits an

application the Board can review to see if they want to make a temporary exception. He said there is a lot of abandoned vehicles in Town and wants to know why they aren't being dealt with.

Adjournment: 9:24 P.M.

Kristina Duran
Town Clerk
Town of Pierce